

policy

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #304**

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ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

The Board of Education shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours, or the child requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines including those prescribed by a physician and any nonprescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. "Treatment" refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to health-care procedures which require special training, such as catheterization.

No teacher or other non-administrative school employee, except certified school nurses and non-certificated professional nurses, will be required to administer any medication.

Before any prescribed medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. This document shall be kept on file in the Health offices at each school building. No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of controlled substance or over-the-counter medication to another student. Violations of this rule will be considered violations of Policy 5530 - Drug Prevention and of the Student Code of Conduct.

In the event of a medical emergency, when a certified school nurse or registered nurse is not available, staff may administer emergency medication if such medication has been ordered by a physician and provided by the parent.

~~Students who may require administration of an emergency medication may have such medication in their possession upon written authorization of their parent(s) and physician (see Form 5330 F4) or, such medication, upon being identified as aforementioned, may be stored in the nurse's office and administered in accord with this policy.~~

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The District is authorized to have a supply of opioid antagonists prescribed in the name of the school. The opioid antagonists shall be maintained in accordance with all manufacturer's instructions.

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The school nurse or first responder may administer an opioid antagonist to a person whom the school nurse or first responder in good faith believes is having an opioid overdose. Upon any administration of an opioid antagonist, it is the responsibility of the school to immediately activate the EMS system and notify the student's parent. Further, after the administration of an opioid antagonist, the Principal or designee shall notify the health care professional who provided the prescription for the opioid antagonist of its use.

The Board and its employees are not liable for civil damages or subject to professional discipline as a result of the administration of an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector or as a result of the administration of an opioid antagonist, except willful and wanton misconduct, regardless of whether authorization was given by the student's parent.

The Superintendent, or designee, shall prepare administrative guidelines, as needed, to address the proper implementation of this policy.

This policy does not prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to any student.

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