
ADMINISTERING INJECTABLE MEDICINES TO STUDENTS – PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

In order to ensure the health and well-being of district students who require regular injections of medication, who may experience allergic reactions, or suffer from hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes, epinephrine, glucagon or other medication as prescribed by a physician and allowed under Oregon Law (OAR 851-047-0030) may be administered by means of injection to students by trained staff in situations when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available.

The district recognizes that the administration of prescription medication to students/and or student self medication may be necessary when the failure to take such medication during the school hours would prevent the student from attending school, and recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of students who require regular doses of injections of medication as a result of experiencing severe allergic reaction or have a need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes. When a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, a designated trained staff member may administer to a student, by means of injection, epinephrine, glucagon or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law.

When directed by a physician or other licensed health care professional, students in grades K-12 will be allowed to self-administer prescription medication, including medication for asthma or severe allergy as defined by state law, and subject to age appropriate guidelines.

A written treatment plan for a student who self-administers medication will be developed, and signed by a physician or other Oregon licensed health care professional and kept on file. A written request and permission form signed by a parent or guardian is required and will be kept on file. If the student is deemed to have violated Board policy or medical protocol by the district, the district may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer medication.

A request for the district to administer prescription medication to a student shall include the written permission of the parent or guardian and shall be accompanied by written instruction from a physician, physicians assistant or nurse practitioner. A prescription label prepared by the pharmacist will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for a physicians orders.

The district reserves the right to reject to administer or allow self administration of a medication when such medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by designated, trained district staff to any student or other individual on school premises who the personnel believe, in good faith, is experiencing severe allergic reaction regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

A process shall be established by which, upon parent request, a backup prescribed autoinjectable epinephrine is kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

Training shall be provided to designated staff as required by law in accordance with approved protocols as established by the Oregon Health Authority. Staff designated to receive training shall also receive bloodborne pathogens training. A current first-aid and CPR card will also be required.

~~Injectable Prescription~~ medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established district regulations governing administering noninjectable or injectable ~~prescription or nonprescription~~ medicines to students including procedures for the disposal of sharps and glass.

The superintendent will ensure student health management plans are developed as required by training protocols, maintained on file and pertinent health information is provided to district staff as appropriate.

Such plans will include provisions for ~~administering medication and or/ responding to emergency situations including those occurring during curricular and extracurricular activities held after regular school hours and on or off district property.~~ While the student is in school, at a school-sponsored activity, under the supervision of school personnel, in before or after school programs on school owned property and in transit to or from school or school sponsored activities.

This policy and administrative regulation shall not prohibit, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to students by district employees in accordance with established state law, Board policy and procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.640](#)
[ORS 339.866](#)
[ORS 339.870](#)

[ORS 339.871](#)
[ORS 433.800 to-433.830](#)

[OAR 851-047-0030](#)
[OAR 851-047-0040](#)