Franklin Community Schools Elementary Handbook Proposed Changes

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2024-2025 2025-2026

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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.

Before any medication or treatment may be administered by school personnel to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician for all prescription drugs accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. In the case of nonprescription drugs, preparations, or remedies, a written authorization from the parent must be on file in the office of the principal.

All medications must be brought to the school nurse's office by a parent or guardian. Only prescription medication in its original container; labeled with the student's name, date, and exact dosage will be administered. Parents may administer medication to their child in the presence of Health Services personnel or designee once the above criteria are met. Parents must give written authorization for medication to be administered to their child by Health Services personnel or designee during school hours.

According to Senate Bill 376, any student in grades K-8 may not take any medications home from school. Parents must pick up medications from school. Parents can authorize, in writing, that someone 18 years or older may pick up the medication. Students will not be allowed to transport medications to or from school for any reason, as per Indiana Law and FCS guidelines.

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Medication that is possessed by a school for administration during school hours or at school functions for a student may be released to:

- 1. The student's parent or guardian;
- 2. An individual who is at least eighteen years of age and designated in writing by the student's parent or guardian to receive the medication; or
- 3. The student, if the student's parent provides written permission for the student to receive the medication.

Please note also that dates, letterhead, locations of programs, and/or contacts have been updated.