

**A. General Provisions for Administration of Medication.**

Medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter ("OTC"), shall only be administered to or taken by students during the school day in accordance with this policy and the corresponding administrative procedures and record-keeping found in JLCD-R.

This policy shall extend to any school-sponsored activity, event, or program.

Medication is to be administered by a school nurse, as defined in RSA 200:29 ("the school nurse"). The school nurse may delegate the administration of medication to others only as permitted under the New Hampshire Nurse Practice Act, and N.H. Code of Administrative Regulations Nur 404. If no such person is available, the building principal or the principal's designee is permitted to assist students in taking required medications by:

- i. making such medications available to the student as needed;
- ii. observing the student as he/she takes or does not take his/her medication; and
- iii. recording whether the student did or did not take his/her medication.

Whenever possible, medications should not be taken during the school day. Upon receiving a request from the parent, guardian, or physician relative to a particular student's need for medication during school hours, the school nurse may contact the parent or guardian to discuss whether the student should remain at home or whether the medication should be taken before, during, and/or after school. The nurse may also inquire about any other medical conditions requiring medications and any special side effects, contraindications, and adverse reactions to be observed.

1. Prescription Medication will be administered in school only after receiving and filing the following in the student's health record:
  - a. A written statement from the licensed prescriber conforming to the requirements of N.H. Department of Education Rule 311.02 (i)(1). (included in District procedures JLCD-R).
  - b. A written authorization from the parent/guardian as provided in N.H. Department of Education Rule 311.02 (i)(2) & (3). (included in District

procedures JLCD-R).

2. Over-the-Counter Medication may be administered to a student with previous written authorization from the parent/guardian. The school nurse may, however, require a licensed prescriber's order or further information/direction from a licensed health care provider (i.e., physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, licensed physician's assistant, or dentist) before administering an OTC medication to a student. The authorization shall contain the same information, with the same access, as is required relative to prescription medications.
3. Principals and their designees will work with the School Nurse at the start of each school year during their annual medication training to determine the location of written parent permission to give OTC medications within each health office. In the event that no written permissions are available, the Principal or their designee will contact the parent and obtain a one-time verbal permission to provide said medication.

To the extent consistent with New Hampshire's Nurse Practice Act, RSA 326-B, the school nurse may, at his/her discretion, accept verbal instructions from a licensed health care provider relative to administering a prescription medication and verbal instructions from a parent/guardian with respect to an OTC medication. In both instances, the verbal instructions shall be followed by written statements as provided above.

#### B. Emergency Administration of Medication

The school nurse or other properly designated personnel may administer other medications to students in emergency situations, provided such personnel has all training as required by law, and consistent with the provisions of Board policy 4025(JLCE) Emergency Care and First Aid.

#### C. Field Trips and School-Sponsored Activities

A single dose of medication may be transferred by the school nurse from the original container to a newly labeled container for the purposes of field trips or school-sponsored activities. For trips or activities necessitating more than one dose, special arrangements for administering medication must be approved by the school nurse or, in the school nurse's absence, the Principal.

#### D. Other Uses/Administration Prohibited

No person shall share or otherwise administer any prescription or over-the-counter medication with any student except as provided in this policy. Notice of this prohibition will

be provided in student handbooks. Students acting in violation of this prohibition will be subject to discipline consistent with applicable Board policies.

#### E. Delivery, Storage, and Disposal of Medication

Medications provided by the student's parent/guardian may only be delivered to the school nurse or principal/principal's designee. All such medication should be delivered in its original container. The school nurse is directed to keep such medications in a locked cabinet or refrigerator. No more than a 30-day supply will be kept and maintained by the school. The school nurse will contact the parent/guardian regarding any unused medication. Such medication shall be picked up by parent/guardian within ten days after its use is discontinued. If the parent/guardian does not pick up the medication within ten days, the school nurse may dispose of the unused medication and record as such in the student's health record file.

The school nurse may maintain a supply of asthma-related rescue medication and the emergency medication epinephrine.

#### F. Administration and Self-Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Inhalers

Students may possess and self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector if the student suffers from potentially life-threatening allergies. Both the student's parent/guardian and physician must authorize such self-possession and self-administration. If a student finds it necessary to use his/her auto-injector, s/he shall immediately report to the nearest supervising adult. The school nurse or building principal may maintain at least one epinephrine auto-injector, provided by the student, in the nurse's office or other suitable location. Additionally, students may possess and self-administer a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate or prevent asthmatic symptoms, as well as auto-injectors for severe allergic reactions and other injectable medications necessary to treat life-threatening allergies. Both the student's parent/guardian and physician must authorize such self-possession and self-administration. Such authorization must include the same information required under A.1 of this policy.

Other emergency medications, such as insulin, may be carried and self-administered by the student only with prior approval by the school nurse and written statements from a licensed health care provider and a parent/guardian and in the same manner as described in A.1 of this Policy, and subject to other conditions as the school nurse may require.

#### G. Medication Records

The school nurse is responsible for keeping accurate records regarding the administration of medication to students. Such records shall be retained as required under Board policy 2327(EHB), Data/Records Retention.

#### H. Implementation: Procedures and Protocols

The Superintendent, in consultation with the school nurse(s), shall be responsible for establishing specific procedures necessary and appropriate to control medications in the schools (e.g., delivery, storage, authorization, record-keeping, reporting, etc.). Such procedures shall be in writing and coded as JLCD-R. The procedures should be reviewed no less than every two years.

Additionally, and pursuant to N.H. Administrative Rule Ed. 311.02(k), each school nurse shall also develop and implement building-specific protocols regarding receipt and safe storage of prescription medications.

<b>NH Statutes</b>	<b>Description</b>
RSA 200:40-b	<u>Glucagon Administration</u>
RSA 200:42	<u>Possession and Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors Permitted</u>
RSA 200:43	<u>Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injector</u>
RSA 200:44	<u>Availability of Epinephrine Auto-Injector</u>
RSA 200:44-a	<u>Anaphylaxis Training Required</u>
RSA 200:45	<u>Student Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors - Immunity</u>
RSA 200:46	<u>Possession and Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers Permitted</u>
RSA 200:47	<u>Use of Asthma Medications by Students - Immunity</u>
RSA 200:54	<u>Supply of Bronchodilators, Spacers or Nebulizers</u>
RSA 200:55	<u>Administration of Bronchodilator, Space or Nebulizer</u>
RSA 326-B	<u>Nurse Practice Act</u>

<b>NH Dept of Ed Regulation</b>	<b>Description</b>
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 306.12(b)(2)	<u>Special Physical Health Needs of Students</u>
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 311.02(d)	<u>Medication During School Day</u>
N.H. Code Admin. Rules Nur 404	<u>Ongoing Requirements</u>
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