



CODE: C30

STUDENT MEDICATION

Policy

Whenever possible, student medication should be administered at home. However, there are times when it is either necessary or preferable for medication to be administered at school. Whereas the elementary, middle and high schools may have some procedural differences due to the age and maturity of the students, the policy is the same.

The School Nurse must be kept aware of all medications and supplements a student is taking. This information will be kept confidential unless a school official or teacher has a legitimate educational need to know, as set forth in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The School Nurse or the specifically trained designee will dispense all medication. Medication designees will be identified by the School Nurse and trained and signed off to administer medication in accordance with the Medication Administration Training in the School Setting form.

Prescription Medication

Long-term prescription medication that is to be administered on a daily or “as needed” basis through the school health office must have both a written order by a primary care provider (who is NOT the student’s parent or guardian) and written permission from a parent or guardian. A primary care provider is defined as a MD, DO, NP, PA or Naturopath with specific licensure to prescribe. Changes in this order must be written by the non-parent primary care provider. Long-term prescription medication must be renewed each year. Prescription medication must be in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacy.

Short-term prescription medication such as antibiotics should be accompanied by written permission from the parent or guardian, and be in the original prescription container which includes the name of the prescribing provider.

Non-Prescription Medication

Non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication may be administered by the school nurse or trained designee if a parent has given permission on the annual Student Health form, sent a written note or email or gives verbal permission (including telephone conversation). A provider order is not necessary. Non-prescription medication must also be in its original labeled container if sent in from home.

Non-FDA Approved Medication

Non-FDA approved medication may not be brought to school and will not be administered by the school nurse. The exception to this rule would be when a medical provider (as defined above) has determined that this medication is medically necessary, and has provided specific orders and parents have given written authorization for the school nurse to administer per provider orders. This includes, but is not limited to herbal medications, homeopathic medications and cannabinoid products such as CBD products. FDA approved medical cannabis-derived drugs falls under the same rules as prescription medications.

IMPLEMENTATION

Medication Delivery

All medication must be brought to the school in its original, properly labeled container by the parent or guardian unless other arrangements have been made. Controlled medications will be counted by the school nurse when they are brought in.

Self-Administered Prescription Medication

Students who have learned to self-administer their medication correctly (for chronic illnesses such as asthma or diabetes) can do this at school at the discretion of the School Nurse or the staff responsible for the student at the time. Students may self-carry medications such as insulin, inhalers and epi pens if designated to do so by their provider.

Reporting

Reports of medication administration shall be entered on the medication record form or in the electronic medical record. This shall include student name, medication, time, dosage, signature and initials of the person administering the medicine (or electronic signature). The School Nurse will be responsible for documenting the annual training of those designated to administer medication in the nurse's absence.

It is the intent of the Mountain Views School District to comply with the provisions of the federal Pupil Privacy Rights Amendment (PPRA) and Vermont State Board of Education Rules governing the administration of certain student surveys, analyses or evaluations.

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