

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

| 210. USE OF MEDICATIONS | |
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| 1. Purpose | The School District and its employees shall not be responsible for diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of medication to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medication would jeopardize the health of the student or would prevent the student from attending school. |
| 2. Definition | For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines: prescription, over the counter, vitamins, dietary supplements, and herbals, excluding cough drops and throat lozenges. |
| 3. Authority SC 1414.1 | <p>Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Board shall require both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The written request of the parent, giving permission for such administration and relieving the School District and its employees of liability for administration of medication. 2. The written order of the prescribing licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant which shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date. b. Student's name. c. The name of the medication. d. The correct dosage of the medication with instructions on administration. e. The time schedule for administering the medication. f. The dates the medication is to be taken including a termination date where appropriate. g. Signature of a licensed physician, dentist, certified registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. |
| 4. Delegation of Responsibility | The Superintendent, in conjunction with the head nurse, shall develop procedures for the administration and self-administration of students' medications. |

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| <p>SC 1409</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>6. Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers/Anaphylactic Kits and other self-administered medications</p> <p>Act 187 of 2004</p> <p>SC 1414.1</p> <p>SC 1414.1</p> | <p>Except for inhalers/anaphylactic kits or other medications, as deemed appropriate by the certified school nurse as provided under Section 6 below, students are NOT PERMITTED to possess medications as defined in this Policy.</p> <p>All medications shall be administered by a licensed nurse except in emergency situations, or by the student him/herself when the student has received permission from the school nurse to self-administer.</p> <p>All district employees involved in emergency administration or supervision of self-administration of medication shall receive appropriate training from the school nurse before performing this responsibility.</p> <p>The Health Services Leader shall review regularly the procedures for administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, efficacy and safety practices.</p> <p>Student health records shall be confidential and maintained in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.</p> <p>The district shall inform all parents and guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.</p> <p><u>Student Self-Administration</u></p> <p>A student shall be permitted to possess and self administer an asthma inhaler/anaphylactic kit or other medications, as deemed appropriate by the school nurse, under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written order of a licensed physician, dentist, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant authorizing the student to self administer the asthma inhaler/anaphylactic medication or other medications as deemed appropriate by the school nurse, and to keep such asthma inhaler/anaphylactic kit or such other medication, as deemed appropriate, with the student at all times shall be required. 2. A written statement from the parent and/or legal guardian, following a required informational discussion with the school nurse, authorizing possession and self administration of an asthma inhaler/anaphylactic or other medication, as deemed appropriate, acknowledging that the School District and its employees bear no responsibility for ensuring that the medication is taken and relieving the School District and its employees of any responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication shall be required. 3. A student whose parent/guardian completed the written requirements for the |
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