No. 210

SOUTHERN LEHIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Responsibility

SECTION:PUPILSTITLE:USE OF MEDICATIONSADOPTED:May 27, 2003REVISED:December 6, 2004, January 9, 2006,<br/>December 5, 2011REVIEWED:December 5, 2011

210. USE OF MEDICATIONS 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 Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school SC 1414.1 hours, the Board shall require both: 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: 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 The Superintendent, in conjunction with the head nurse, shall develop procedures for

the administration and self-administration of students' medications.

	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.
	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.
	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.
	The Health Services Leader shall review regularly the procedures for administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, efficacy and safety practices.
SC 1409	Student health records shall be confidential and maintained in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.
5. Guidelines	The district shall inform all parents and guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.
6. Possession and	Student Self-Administration
Use of Asthma Inhalers/Anaphylactic Kits and other self- administered medications	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:
Act 187 of 2004	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.
SC 1414.1	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.
SC 1414.1	3. A student whose parent/guardian completed the written requirements for the

	<ul> <li>student to possess an asthma inhaler, anaphylactic kit or other medications as deemed appropriate_and to self-administer the prescribed medication in the school setting shall demonstrate to the school nurse the competency for self-administration and responsible behavior in use of the medication. Determination of competency for self-administration shall be based on the student's age, cognitive function, maturity and demonstration of responsible behavior.</li> <li>4. The student shall notify the school nurse immediately following each use of an</li> </ul>
	asthma inhaler/anaphylactic kit or other medication, as deemed appropriate.
SC 1414.1	5. Students shall be prohibited from sharing, giving, selling, and using <u>any</u> medication in any manner other than which it is prescribed during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities. The School District and its employees may immediately confiscate the asthma inhaler/anaphylactic kit or other approved medication of any student and cancel such student's privilege of possession and self administration in the event of abuse or failure to comply with the requirements of this Policy. Violations of this policy shall be addressed in the Student Code of Conduct.
	6. The School District reserves the right to require a statement from the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant for the continued use of any asthma inhaler/anaphylactic kit or other medication, as deemed appropriate, beyond a specified period of time.
	7. The Health Services Leader in conjunction with the Superintendent shall develop appropriate forms for parental permission and physicians' written order authorizing student possession and self administration of asthma inhalers/anaphylactic kits or other medication, as deemed appropriate.
SC 1414.1 Title 22 Section 12.3	The district shall notify students and parents/guardians of the parameters of this policy by referencing this policy in the Code of Student Conduct or Parent/Student Handbook and by placing this policy on the District website.
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