

INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATION AND SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

A. INDIAN PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 204 POLICY

Administering Medication to Students

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student any prescription or nonprescription medication until a properly completed and signed "Authorization for Administration of Medication in School" form is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this Policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

B. PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REQUESTING ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

1. The parent/guardian must provide a completed "Authorization for Administration of Medication in School" form each school year for the administration of prescription and non-prescription medications (e.g., Tylenol, Advil, cough medicine, cough drops, cold remedies, etc.). This requires written statement from a licensed health care provider and parent/guardian permission.
2. The student's parent/ guardian must obtain written orders for the administration of medication at the beginning of the school year, and whenever a change in the child's medication or health occurs, or upon request of a IPSD 204 nurse. The school must receive an updated physician's order in writing before administering a new dosage.
3. Medication must be provided in its original container labeled by the pharmacist with the student's name, medication, dosage and time to be given at school.
4. Medications must be brought to school by a parent or a designated adult and are never to be sent to school with the student. The exception to this guideline is when the student has been approved to self-administer such medication.
5. The initial dose of any medication should be given at home.
6. Medications and special items necessary to administer medications or treatments (such as syringes, feeding bags, and testing supplies) must be supplied by a parent or guardian and will be stored in an appropriate area designated by the IPSD 204 nurse or building principal.
7. Unless the child has been approved to self-administer the medication, the parent/guardian must submit a written request for the student to receive medication during a field trip or extracurricular activity to the nurse at the school or the building principal at least five (5) school days prior to the scheduled event. Administration of medication on field trips or extracurricular activities is at the discretion of IPSD 204, except as provided in a student's IEP or Section 504 plan.

INFORMATION REGARDING SELF-CARRY AND SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Self-Carry and Self-Administration of Medication

A student may self-carry and/or self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector, medication prescribed for asthma, and/or medication prescribed for diabetes for immediate use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian submits a properly completed and signed "Authorization for Self-Administration of Medication in School" form.

The School District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, medication prescribed for asthma, and/or medication prescribed for diabetes or the storage of such medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, medication prescribed for asthma, and/or medication prescribed for diabetes, or the storage of such medication by school personnel.

C. GUIDELINES FOR SELF-CARRY AND SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

1. Proper documentation (Authorization for Self-Administration of Medication in School form) must be completed before a student is allowed to self-carry and/or self-administer medications. Students are not permitted to keep medication on their person or in their lockers unless authorized to possess such medication.
2. The student who self-carries and/or self-administers medication must demonstrate consistent responsibility in:
 - A. Understanding when it is medically appropriate to take medication.
 - B. Knowing how to administer the medication and prescribed frequency.
 - C. Being familiar with expected effects and possible side effects of the medication.
 - D. Understanding that medication is not to be shared with anyone.
 - E. Seeking additional help from the teacher, nurse or other school personnel if symptoms persist or if student is experiencing side effects after administering a medication.
 - F. The student will only carry a **one day supply** of medication on his/her person.
3. The student's name must be marked on the medication.
4. The school will not keep a record of the student's self-administration of medication unless determined necessary by the student's IEP or Section 504 team.
5. Students will be allowed to self-administer approved medication during the school day, at school sponsored activities, and at before or after school activities.
6. The self-administration of asthma inhalers does not require a physician's order if the parent/guardian provides the **student's prescription label from the pharmaceutical box**, which must contain the name of the medication, the prescribed dosage, and the time at which or circumstances under which the medication is to be administered, and completes the Authorization for Self-Administration of Medication in School form.
7. If a student self-administers epinephrine, the student must notify a teacher/nurse/school staff member immediately. EMS (911) will be called when epinephrine is administered.
8. The privilege to self-carry and self-administer medication will be revoked for safety reasons if the student does not demonstrate appropriate responsibility.
9. IPSD 204 is committed to supporting capable students, assuming appropriate parental and medical authorization is provided, in becoming independent in their ability to self-administer medication to treat their medical condition.