

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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210. USE OF MEDICATIONS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours in accordance with the direction of a parent/guardian or family physician will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not available during school hours.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and any over-the-counter medicines.</p> <p>Long-term medications shall include medication prescribed by a physician or dentist for longer than two (2) weeks or on an as-needed basis throughout the school year. Any change in dosage or frequency must be documented in writing by the prescribing physician and will constitute a new order.</p> <p>Short-term medications shall include medication prescribed by a physician or dentist dated within the past two (2) weeks and to be administered no more than ten (10) consecutive school days.</p> <p>Standing Orders (for High School use only) shall be medications prescribed by the school physician which can be administered to students throughout the school year. This list of standing orders shall be renewed annually by the school physicians. Parent/Guardian permission is also required for the medication to be administered to the student.</p> <p>Over-the-counter medication for Elementary and Middle School children's use must be prescribed by a physician. Any medication that does not appear on the standing orders list for High School use or which exceeds the dosage prescribed by the school physicians must be accompanied by an order from the student's physician. Parent/Guardian permission is also required for the medication to be administered to the student.</p>

<p>3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>Self-administered medications shall be limited to inhalers, Epi-pens and other life saving medications. Student's possession of self-administered medications must be authorized by a physician. The school nurse must also deem that the student is competent to self-administer the medication.</p> <p>Emergency medication - only in an emergency shall an employee other than the school nurse administer medication to a student. A standing physician's order exists for the use of an Epi-pen to be used for anaphylaxis. The order requires 911 to be notified when an Epi-pen has been administered.</p> <p>Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Board shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The written request of the parent/guardian, giving permission for such administration and relieving the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication. Written consent is required for each medication order. All medication orders must be renewed at the beginning of each succeeding school year. 2. The written order of the prescribing physician or dentist, which shall include the diagnosis, purpose of the medication, dosage, how it is to be administered, time at which or special circumstances under which the medication shall be administered, length of time for which medication is prescribed, and possible side effects of medication and contraindications. <p>The parent/guardian will assume full responsibility for any medication given during school hours. Medication must be brought to school by the parent/guardian or adult designee in the original container and given to the certified school nurse or other nursing personnel. Preplanning will permit most medication to be given at home.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians, whenever possible, shall make every effort to give medication at home to avoid school hours. If under exceptional circumstances a child is required to take physician prescribed medication orally or by injection during school hours and the parent/guardian cannot be at school to administer the medication, it may be given in compliance with the procedure for dispensing medication at school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the head nurse, shall develop administrative regulations for the administration and self-administration of students' medications.</p> <p>When a child has been ordered a new medication that must be taken in school, it is the parents/guardians responsibility to give the first dose when the child is at home to ascertain the child's reaction to the medication.</p>
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