

ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO STUDENTS

Whenever a student has health needs that require taking prescription medication during the school day, the school nurse will be notified. Prescription medication should not be taken at school if it is possible to achieve the medical regimen at home.

Non-prescription medications will not be available to students without the written permission of the parent/legal guardian and the consent of the school nurse. The nurse has the authority to refuse medications which are not prescribed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, if he/she feels it is not in the best interest of the student or if sufficient written knowledge of the medications, side effects, and dosage is not available from the parent/legal guardian.

Emergency medications (epi-pens and inhalers) may be possessed and self-administered by a student if the required paperwork is on file with the Health Office.

Possession of prescription or non-prescription medication by a student without written authorization of the parent/legal guardian and consent of the school nurse will be confiscated and the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

Law Reference: N.H. Code of Administrative Rules-Section ED. 311:02 (d); Medication during the school day; RSA 200:42 Possession and Use of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors Permitted; RSA 200:43 Use of Auto-Injector; RSA 200:46 Possession and Self-administration of Asthma Inhalers Permitted

Appendix Reference: JLCD-R

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