

FLEETWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: POSSESSION/USE OF
MEDICATION NECESSARY
FOR EMERGENCY
TREATMENT

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<p>1. Authority</p> <p>SC 1414.1</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>SC 1401</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1414.1</p> <p>Title 22</p> <p>Sec. 12.41</p>	<p>210.1. POSSESSION/USE OF MEDICATION NECESSARY FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF A HEALTH CONDITION (ASTHMA INHALERS, EPIPENS, DIABETIC MEDICATIONS)</p> <p>The Board shall permit students to possess medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition and to self-administer the prescribed medication used to treat the emergency health condition when such is physician and parent-authorized.</p> <p>Possession and use of medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition by students shall be in accordance with state law and Board policy.</p> <p>Asthma inhaler shall mean a prescribed device used for self-administration of short-acting, metered doses of prescribed medication to treat an acute asthma attack.</p> <p>EpiPen shall mean a prescribed device for self-administration of epinephrine for the purpose of preventing/treating a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).</p> <p>Diabetic medications shall mean prescribed devices for testing blood glucose levels (ex: glucometer) and medications and devices for treating abnormal blood glucose levels (ex: insulin, insta-glucose, glucagon, insulin pen, insulin and syringes, insulin pump and insertion set).</p> <p>Self-administration shall mean a student’s use of medication in accordance with a prescription or written instructions from a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.</p> <p>Before a student may possess or use medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition during school hours, the Board shall require the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written request from the parent/guardian that the school complies with the order of the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
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<p>SC 1414.1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. A statement from the parent/guardian acknowledging that the school is not responsible for ensuring the medication is taken and relieving the district and its employees of responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication.3. A written statement from the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant that states:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Name of the drug.b. Prescribed dosage.c. Times medication is to be taken.d. Length of time medication is prescribed.e. Diagnosis or reason medication is needed, unless confidential.f. Potential serious reaction or side effects of medication.g. Emergency response.h. If child is qualified and able to self-administer the medication. <p>The student shall be made aware that the medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition is intended for his/her use only and may not be shared with other students.</p> <p>The student shall notify the school nurse immediately following each use of medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition.</p> <p>Violations of this policy by a student shall result in immediate confiscation of the medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition and loss of privileges.</p> <p>The district reserves the right to require a statement from the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant for the continued use of a medication beyond the school year that permission was initially obtained.</p>
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<p>SC 1414.1</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>A student whose parent/guardian completes the written requirements for the student to possess medication necessary for emergency treatment of a health condition and self-administer the prescribed medication in the school setting shall demonstrate to the school nurse the capability for self-administration and responsible behavior in use of the medication.</p> <p>To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify his/her medication. 2. Demonstrate the proper technique for self-administering medication. <p>The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the school nurse(s), shall develop procedures for student possession of medication necessary for emergency treatment and self-administration of prescribed medication.</p> <p>The district shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the policy and procedures governing student possession and use of medication.</p> <p>When self-administered medication is initially brought to school by a student, the school nurse shall be responsible to complete the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain the required written request and statements from the parent/guardian and physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, which shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse. 2. Review pertinent information with the student and/or parent/guardian, specifically the information contained on the statement submitted by the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant. 3. Determine the student’s ability to self-administer medication and the need for care and supervision. <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1414.1</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 000</p>
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