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School Medication Rule

The following guidelines incorporate provisions for the safety and protection of the pupil, students, and school personnel involved regarding oral or inhalation prescription medication. Aspirin and "over-the-counter" drugs may be administered only after meeting the provisions specified in this policy. Injections or other types of medical procedures are not generally the responsibility of the school and will not be undertaken by school staff except if a life-threatening emergency is perceived.

In all instances where medication is administered under this policy, the physician prescribing the medication has the power to direct, supervise, decide, inspect and oversee the administration of such medication. In order to ensure that the physician carries out his/her responsibility to direct, supervise, decide, inspect and oversee the implementation of this service, no medication shall be given to a student by any employee of the Board unless the following are delivered to the individual administering the medication:

1. Written instruction from the prescribing physician requesting the administration of the prescription medication. Such instructions shall be signed by the prescribing physician.
2. A written statement from the prescribing physician which:
 - a. identifies the specific conditions and circumstances under which contact should be made with him/her in relation to the student receiving the medications, and
 - b. reflects a willingness on the part of the physician to accept direct communications from the person (s) administering the medication.
3. A written statement from the parent/legal guardian:
 - a. authorizing school personnel to give the medication in the dosage prescribed by the physician, and
 - b. authorizing school personnel to contact the physician directly.
4. A written statement from the parent/legal guardian:
 - a. authorizing school personnel to give the over-the-counter medication in the recommended dose, and
 - b. authorizing school personnel to contact the physician directly.