

IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

It shall be the policy of the School District that all students attending the District schools shall be in compliance with state laws and regulations requiring immunization against poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis B, and mumps.

The superintendent shall institute procedures for the maintenance of health records showing the immunization status of every child enrolled or attending in the District, and for the completion of all necessary reports, in accordance with guidelines prepared by the Missouri Division of Health.

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13 CSR 50-110.010, Missouri Register

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Giving of medicine to children during school hours shall be discouraged and restricted to necessary medication that cannot be given on an alternative schedule. When prescription medicine is to be administered by school officials, the medicine must be accompanied by a label affixed by a pharmacy, and/or medical provider. Nonprescription medicines must be in their original container. ALL medication must be accompanied by written instructions signed by parent(s)/guardian(s) and medical provider and will include:

1. Child's name
2. Name of medication
3. Time to be administered
4. Dosage

Short-term medications may be given with an original prescription bottle and a parent/guardian note. Example: Antibiotic therapy for 2-4 weeks.

Long-term medications may be given on a daily basis for the duration of the school year as long as the district policy is followed.

The administration of the medicine to a student, when all the above conditions have been met, shall be limited to the school nurse, the principal or other designated person(s). All medication administered by school officials shall be kept in the nurse's office or the principal's office. The parents of the child must assume responsibility for informing school personnel of any change in the child's health or change in medication.

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Secondary

It shall be our practice that "over-the-counter" medications will be dispensed by school personnel only with written authorization from medical provider and parent.

A student in secondary schools may carry one dose of his/her own prescription or over-the-counter medication to be used at his/her own discretion when they have in their possession the parent's written permission. The medication must be in its original, properly marked container.

When the prescription drug is a controlled substance, then the medication should be kept in a locked cabinet in the nurse's office in small quantities.

Controlled substances should meet all the conditions outlined in the elementary section of this procedure, 1 through 7.

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SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF METERED-DOSE INHALERS

A physician may recommend that an individual student, with asthma or another potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, assume responsibility for his or her own medication as part of learning self-care. A student may self-administer medication by way of a metered-dose inhaler, provided the following conditions have been met:

- A. The parents/guardians of the student must provide written authorization for the self-administration of medication, a written medical history of the student's experience with the respiratory illness, and a plan of action for addressing any emergency situations that could reasonably be anticipated as a consequence of administering the medication and having the illness.
- B. The parents/guardians of the student must provide written certification from the student's physician that the student has asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, and that the student is capable of and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administering the medication and has been informed of the dangers of permitting others to use the student's medication.
- C. The school must inform the parents/guardians of the student, in writing, that the district and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration by the student, absent any negligence by the district, its employees or agents, or as a result of providing all of the above-mentioned relevant information to the school nurse, absent any negligence by the district, its employees or agents, or in the absence of the school nurse, to the school administrator.
- D. The parents/guardians of the student must sign a statement acknowledging that the district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the student's self-administration of medication, and that the parents/guardians shall indemnify the hold harmless the district and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the student's self-administration of medication.

Permission for the student to self-administer medication for asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illness is effective for the school year for which it is granted, and is renewed for each subsequent school year upon meeting the conditions set forth above.