

Coos Bay School District 9

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Prescription Medication **

The district recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of students who require regular doses or injections of medication as a result of experiencing a severe allergic reaction or have a need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes. When a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, a designated trained staff member may administer to students, by means of injection, epinephrine, glucagon or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law (OAR 851-047-0030).

When directed by a physician or other licensed health care professional, students in grades K-12 will be allowed to self-administer medication, including medication for asthma or severe allergy as defined by state law.

A written treatment plan for student who self-administers medication will be developed and signed by a physician or other Oregon licensed health care professional and kept on file. A written request and permission form signed by a parent or guardian is required and will be kept on file. If the student is deemed to have violated Board policy or medical protocol by the district, the district may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer medication.

All requests for the district to administer prescription medication to a student shall include the written permission of the parent or guardian and shall be accompanied by written instruction from a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. A prescription label prepared by a pharmacist will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for a physician's order.

The district reserves the right to reject a request to administer or allow self-administration of a medication when such medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.

Upon written parent request and with a physician's written statement that the lack of immediate access to a backup auto-injectable epinephrine may be life threatening to a student, and the location the school stores backup medication is not located in the student's classroom, a process shall be established to allow the parents/guardian to provide backup auto-injectable epinephrine to be kept in a reasonably secure location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by designated, trained district staff to any student or other individual on school premises who the personnel believe, in good faith, is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

Training shall be provided as required by law in accordance with approved protocols as established by the Oregon Health Authority. Staff designated to receive training shall also receive bloodborne pathogens training. A current first aid and CPR card will also be required.

Prescription medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established district regulations governing administering non-injectable/injectable or prescription/nonprescription medicines to students including procedures for the disposal of sharps and glass.

The superintendent will ensure student health management plans are developed as required by training protocols, maintained on file and pertinent health information is provided to district staff as appropriate. Such plans will include provisions for administering medication and/or responding to emergency situations while the student is in school, at a school-sponsored activity, under the supervision of school personnel, in before- or after-school care programs on school-owned property and in transit to and from school or school-sponsored activities.

This policy and administrative regulation shall not prohibit, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to students by district employees in accordance with established state law, Board policy and procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.640](#)
[ORS 339.866 to -339.871](#)
[ORS 433.800 to -433.830](#)
[ORS 475.005 to -475.285](#)

[OAR 166-400-0010\(17\)](#)
[OAR 166-400-0060\(29\)](#)
[OAR 333-055-0000 to -0035](#)
[OAR 581-021-0037](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)
[OAR 851-047-0030](#)
[OAR 851-047-0040](#)

Cross Reference(s):

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