

### **Prescription Medication\*\***

The ESD recognizes that the administration of prescription medication to students and/or student self-medication may be necessary when failure to take such medication during school hours would prevent the student from attending school, and 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 may administer to a student, epinephrine, glucagon or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law.

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

A written treatment plan for a student who self administers medication will be developed and signed by a physician<sup>1</sup> 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 staff, the district may revoke the permission given to student to self-administer prescription injectable medication.

A request for the ESD to administer prescription medication to a student shall include the written request and signature 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 ESD reserves the right to reject a request to administer or allow self administration of a prescription medication when such medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by designated, trained ESD 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. A process shall be established by which, upon parent written request, a backup prescribed autoinjectable epinephrine be kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

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<sup>1</sup>Added to Oregon Revised Statute 678.010 to -678.410: A registered nurse who is employed by a public or private school may accept an order from a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in another state or territory of the U.S. if the order is related to the care or treatment of a student who has been enrolled at the school for not more than 90 days (House Bill 3149 (2015)). (This is to allow time for new students to find an Oregon licensed physician.)

Training shall be provided to designated staff 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. Current first-aid and CPR cards are strongly encouraged for designated staff.

Prescription medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established ESD regulations governing administering noninjectable or injectable, or prescription or nonprescription medicines to students including procedures for 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 ESD staff as appropriate. Such plans will include provisions for administering medication and/or responding to emergency situations while the student is in school, at an ESD-sponsored activity, under the supervision of ESD personnel, in before- or after-school care programs on ESD-owned property and in transit to or from school or ESD-sponsored activities.

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

END OF POLICY

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**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):**

JHCD - Nonprescription Medication