

Administering Injectable Medicines to Students**

In order to ensure the health and well-being of district students who require regular injections of medication; who may experience a life-threatening allergic reactions or adrenal crisis¹; or suffer from hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes. Epinephrine, glucagon or other medication as prescribed by a physician and allowed under Oregon Law (OAR 851-047-0030) may be administered by means of injection to students by designated trained staff in situations when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available.

When prescribed by a physician², students in grades K-12 will be allowed to self-administer prescription medication; subject to age-appropriate guidelines. A medical protocol regarding each student who self-administers injectable medication will be developed, signed by a physician or other licensed health care professional and parent and kept on file. Permission for self-administered medication may be revoked if the student violates policy or medical protocol.

The superintendent will require that a health care plan is developed for every student with a known life-threatening allergy and for every student for whom the district has been given proper notice of a diagnoses of adrenal insufficiency. Such a plan 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 or from school or school-sponsored activities.

All requests for the district to administer injectable medication to a student shall be made by the parent in writing. Requests shall be accompanied by the physician's order for administering epinephrine, glucagon, or other medication as allowed by law. A prescription label will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for a physician's order for epinephrine, glucagon, or other medication.

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.

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.

¹Under proper notice given to the district.

²A 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.

A process shall be established by which, upon parent written request, a backup prescribed autoinjectable epinephrine is kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

The district may designate staff authorized to administer epinephrine and glucagon or other medication as allowed under Oregon law. Training shall be provided as required by law in accordance with approved protocols as established by Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services. Staff designated to receive training shall also receive bloodborne pathogens training. Current first aid and CPR cards are strongly encouraged for designated staff.

Injectable medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established district regulations governing administering injectable 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 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 or 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):

JHCD - Administering Noninjectable Medicines to Students