

Multnomah Education Service District

Code: **JHCD**

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Nonprescription Medication**

MESD recognizes that administering nonprescription medication to students and/or self-medication may be necessary when the failure to take such medication would prevent the student from attending or remaining in school. Consequently, upon written request of parent, students may be permitted to take nonprescription medication at school, under the conditions described in this policy.

In accordance with OAR 581-021-0037, nonprescription medication means only Food and Drug Administration approved, nonalcohol-based medication, limited to eyes, nose and cough drops, cough suppressants, analgesics, decongestants, antihistamines, topical antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, and antacids that do not require written or oral instructions from a physician. Nonprescription medication does not include dietary food supplements or nonprescription sunscreen.

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

Administration by MESD Staff

A request for the MESD to administer nonprescription medication to a student shall include the written request and signature of the parent or guardian describing the condition for which the medication has been recommended and the quantity, timing, and frequency of administration, which matches the manufacturers' recommended dosing instructions.

MESD staff may administer non-prescription medications to students in grades K-12 upon request of the parent or licensed health care provider when MESD decides not to permit self-administration, or when permission for self-administration has been revoked.

MESD shall designate school staff authorized to administer medication to students. Training shall be provided as required by law.

Self-Administration

A request to the MESD to allow a student to self-medicate with a nonprescription medication shall include written permission and instruction from a parent or guardian, and shall include an assurance from the parent or guardian that the student has received appropriate instruction for its use.

For all nonprescription medications that are student administered, a self-medication agreement, signed by a parent/guardian will kept on file.

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

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

The superintendent and cabinet shall develop administrative regulations within requirements of Oregon statute and rule, as necessary to implement this policy.

For any questions regarding this policy please see the legal references listed below.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.640](#)

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

[ORS 339.866 to -339.871](#)

[ORS 433.800 to -433.830](#)

[OAR 166-400-0010\(17\)](#)

[OAR 166-400-0060\(29\)](#)

[OAR 581-021-0037](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

MESD Cross Reference(s):

JH - Student Welfare**

JHCDA - Prescription Medication **

JHFA - Supervision of Students**

JO/IGBAB - Student Education Records**

JOB - Personally Identifiable Information**