

Multnomah Education Service District

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Administering Noninjectable and Injectable Medicines to Students

Noninjectable

MESD recognizes that administering of medication to students and self-medication may be necessary when the failure to take such medication would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if medication were not made available during school hours. Consequently, students may be permitted to take noninjectable prescription or nonprescription medication at school, on a temporary or regular basis.

All requests for MESD to administer medication to a student shall be made by the parent in writing. Requests shall include the written instructions of the physician for the administration of a prescription medication to a student or the written instructions of the parent for the administration of a nonprescription medication to a student. A prescription label will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for written physician instructions.

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

MESD reserves the right to reject a request to administer prescription or nonprescription medication when such medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.

This policy and 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 as needed to meet the requirements of law, Oregon Administrative Rules and for the implementation of this policy. Regulations will include provisions for student self-medication.

Injectable

MESD staff may be required to administer injectable medications to students in certain emergency situations. In order to ensure the health and well-being of MESD students who may experience severe allergic reactions or suffer severe hypoglycemia, trained staff, who possess a Health Division certificate or equivalent, may administer epinephrine and glucagon injections to students in emergency situations when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available.

A parent shall submit a written request for MESD to administer injectable medication to a student in the event of such an emergency. Requests shall be accompanied by the physician's order for administering

epinephrine or glucagon. A prescription label will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for a physician's order for epinephrine or glucagon.

Staff designated to administer epinephrine and glucagon shall be trained as required by law in accordance with approved protocols as established by Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services. Staff designated to receive epinephrine and glucagon training shall also receive bloodborne pathogens training. A current first aid and CPR card will also be required.

MESD will handle, store, monitor, dispose of and maintain records on administering injectable medicines in accordance with Administrative Regulation JHCD-AR on administering noninjectable medicines to students.

MESD will ensure student health management plans are developed as required by training protocols, maintained on file and pertinent health information is provided to MESD staff as appropriate. Such plans will provide for responding to emergency situations as described above including those occurring during curricular and extracurricular activities held after regular school hours and on or off MESD property.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.640](#)

[ORS 339.867](#)

[ORS 339.869](#)

[ORS 339.870](#)

[ORS 433.800 - 433.830](#)

[ORS 475.005 - 475.285](#)

[OAR 581-021-0037](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

[OAR 166-414-0010\(22\)-\(24\)](#)

Cross Reference(s):

Policy EB - Safety Program