

Multnomah Education Service District

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Prescription Medication**

The MESD recognizes that the administration of prescription medication to students and/or student self-medication may be necessary when failure to take such medication would prevent the student from attending school, and recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of MESD students who require regular doses or injections of medication as a result of experiencing a life-threatening allergic reaction, adrenal crisis¹, severe hypoglycemia, as well as those who have the need to manage chronic conditions, including asthma or diabetes . When a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, a designated trained staff member may administer to a student: epinephrine, medication to treat adrenal crisis, glucagon, or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law.

In accordance with OAR 581-021-0037, prescription medication means any non-injectable drug, chemical compound, suspension or preparation in suitable form for use as a curative or remedial substance taken either internally or externally by a student under the written direction of a physician, including bronchodilators, or autoinjectable epinephrine prescribed by a student's licensed health care professional for asthma or severe allergies. Prescription medication containers must be prepared and labeled by a registered U.S. pharmacist under the direction of a physician. Prescription medication does not include dietary food supplements.

The MESD 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.

Administration by MESD Staff

A request for the MESD 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. A process shall be established which, upon parent/guardian 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 superintendent will require that an individualized health care plan is developed for every student with a physician documented life-threatening allergy, and for every student for whom the MESD has been given proper notice of a diagnosis 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.

¹Under proper notice given to the ESD.

Self-Administration

When prescribed by an Oregon physician , 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 emergency medication will be developed, and for all prescription medications that are student administered, a self-medication agreement, signed by an Oregon physician² or other Oregon licensed health care professional and parent/guardian will kept on file. If the student is deemed to have violated Board policy or medical protocol by MESD staff, the MESD may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer prescription medication.

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by designated, trained MESD 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 to designated staff as required by law in accordance with approved protocols established by the Oregon Health Authority. Staff designated to receive severe allergic reaction training shall also receive blood borne 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 MESD regulations governing administering non-injectable or injectable, or prescription or nonprescription medicines to students including procedures for disposal of sharps and glass.

The Superintendent or designee 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 include provisions for administering medication and/or responding to emergency situations while the student is in school, at an MESD-sponsored activity, under the supervision of MESD personnel, in before- or after-school care programs on MESD-owned property and in transit to or from school or MESD-sponsored activities.

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.

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

END OF POLICY

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.

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](#)

MESD Cross Reference(s):

JH - Student Welfare

JHCD - Nonprescription Medication**

JHFA - Supervision of Students**

JO/IGBAB - Student Education Records**

JOB - Personally Identifiable Information**