

Prescription Medication**

The district recognizes that the administration of prescription medication to students and/or student self-medication may be necessary when the 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 the need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes. When a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, a designated trained staff member may administer epinephrine, glucagon or other medications to a student, 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 medication prescription, 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 physician¹ 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 by the district to have violated Board policy or medical protocol, the district may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer medication.

A request for the district to administer prescription medication to a student shall include the written permission of the parent or guardian and shall be accompanied by written instructions 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 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 staff person believes, 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 auto injectable epinephrine is kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

¹Added 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 established by the Oregon Health Authority. 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.

Prescription medication will be handled, stored, disposed of, monitored, and in accordance with established district regulations, including procedures for the disposal of sharps and glass.

The superintendent will ensure that student health management plans are developed and maintained as required by training protocols, and that pertinent health information is provided to district staff as appropriate. Such plans will include provisions for administering medication and/or responding to emergency situations while the student is in school, is at or in transit to/from school-sponsored activities, or is under the supervision of school personnel in before- or after-school care programs on school-owned property.

This policy and district administrative regulations shall not prohibit, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to students by district employees in accordance with established state law or 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 - Nonprescription Medication