

The board recognizes that students may need to take medication during school hours. The health and welfare of the student must be of paramount concern in all decisions regarding the administration of medication. The school district will administer medications with proper documentation from a physician and parent/legal guardian. To minimize disruptions to the school day, medicines should be taken at home rather than at school whenever feasible. The school district is not required to administer any medication that could be taken at home. Provided, however, that employees may give emergency health care when circumstances indicate that any delay would seriously worsen the physical condition or endanger the life of the student.

The administration of prescribed medication to students by designated school employees shall be permitted only upon the proper written authorization of a physician and the student's parent/guardian. Prescribed medication must be in the original container with specific instructions for administration.

Over-the-counter medications provided by a parent/guardian, in the clearly labeled original container, specifying the type of medication, child's name, and the dosage of medicine, may be administered by designated school employees upon written authorization of the parent/guardian and a physician.

The school system and its personnel will assume no responsibility for self-medication by students or for the transportation of medications to and from school. The school system and its personnel also will assume no liability for complications or side effects of medication administered in accordance with the instructions provided by the parent/guardian and healthcare provider.

Although efforts should be made not to disrupt instructional time, a parent may administer medicines to his or her child at any time while the child is on school property.

Students with special needs will be afforded all rights provided by federal and state laws as enumerated in the Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children with Special Needs. Students with disabilities also will be accorded all rights provided by anti-discrimination laws, including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

No student can possess, use or transmit any drug or counterfeit drug prohibited by Board Policy 6401.10.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -307(c); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.; Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101; Family

Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.

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