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ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS

Definitions

Medications -- For the purposes of this policy, medications include prescription drugs and over-the-counter

drugs, including herbal preparations and vitamins. Medications also include substances that claim or purport to be medicinal or performance enhancing.

Authorized Prescriber -- Includes a health care provider licensed or otherwise authorized by state law to prescribe medication.

General

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District is not legally obligated to administer medication to students unless specifically included in a Section 504 plan or an Individualized Education Program (IEP). However, the Board recognizes that some students may require medication for chronic or short-term illness to enable them to remain in school and participate in the district's educational services. Further, the district prohibits students from possessing or self-administering medications while on district grounds, on district transportation or during district activities unless explicitly authorized in accordance with this policy. Therefore, the superintendent, in collaboration with the district nursing staff, will establish administrative procedures for storing and administering medications in compliance with this policy and pursuant to state and federal law. Medications will only be administered at school when it is not possible or not effective for the student to receive the medication at home.

The administration of medications is a nursing activity that must be performed by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse. A registered professional nurse may delegate the administration of medication to a licensed practical nurse or unlicensed personnel who are trained by the nurse to administer medications. The registered professional nurse is responsible for developing written procedures for training unlicensed personnel in the administration of medications and for supervising the administration of medication by others. In accordance with law, any trained or qualified employee will be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering medication in good faith and according to standard medical practices. A qualified employee is one

who has been trained to administer medication according to standard medical practices. The nurse or designee must maintain thorough documentation of all medications administered to students.

Nurses must use reasonable and prudent judgment to determine whether to administer particular medications to students while also working in collaboration with parents/guardians and school administration. In carrying out their legal duty to protect the health, welfare and safety of students,

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nurses will, when necessary, clarify authorized prescriber orders and respond in accordance with such clarifications.

Medication not within recommended dosage on the package insert of manufacturer's direction shall not be given without consultation/verification by the school nurse with the prescriber, upon which a decision shall be made on the administration of medication. Except for the emergency use of a prefilled epinephrine auto syringe, the district should not administer the first dose of any medication. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to arrange to administer prescription medications themselves when possible.

Over-the-Counter Medications

The district may administer over-the-counter medication to a student upon receipt of a written, phone or faxed order from a licensed prescriber within the scope of their practice and a parent/guardian completed medication permit. All over-the-counter medications should be delivered to health services personnel or their designee in the manufacturer's original packaging and will only be administered in accordance with the manufacturer's label. High school students may carry and selfadminister

legal non-prescription medications without an order from a licensed prescriber. The medication must be listed on the High School Non-Prescription Medication Card and signed by the student and parent.

Prescription Medications

The parent/guardian must provide the district with written permission to administer the medication before the district will administer the prescription medication to the student. The prescription label will be considered the equivalent of a prescriber's written direction, and a separate document is not needed.

Prescription Self-Administered Medications

An authorized prescriber or a student's IEP or Section 504 team including district nursing staff may

recommend that an individual student with a chronic health condition assume responsibility for his or her own medication as part of learning self-care. The district will allow students to selfadminister medication for the treatment of a chronic health condition including, but not limited to, asthma and anaphylaxis, in accordance with this policy and law. The district will permit the selfadministration

of other medications as required by the student's Section 504 plan or IEP. The district will not allow any student to self-administer medications unless:

1. The medication was prescribed or ordered by the student's physician.

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2. The physician has provided a written treatment plan for the condition for which the medication was prescribed or authorized that includes a certification that the student is capable of and has been instructed in the correct and responsible use of the medication and has demonstrated to the physician or the physician's designee the skill level necessary to use the medication.

3. The student has demonstrated proper self-administration technique to the school nurse.

4. The student's parents have signed a statement authorizing self-administration and acknowledging that the district and its employees or agents will incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of such medication unless such injury is a result of negligence on the part of the district or its employees or agents.

Possession of Self-Administered Medications

An authorized prescriber may recommend that an individual student with a chronic health condition be allowed to be in possession of his or her medication on district property for the purposes of selfadministration.

The district will permit possession of medication for the treatment of a chronic health condition including, but not limited to, asthma or anaphylaxis, on district property, at district-sponsored

activities and in transit to and from school or activities in accordance with law. The district will also permit the possession of other medications for the purposes of self-administration as required by the student's Section 504 plan or IEP. The district may otherwise permit the possession of medications for self-administration in accordance with law. No student will be permitted to possess any medication unless the parent/guardian has submitted all required authorizations and releases in accordance with this policy.

Emergency Medication

All student-occupied buildings in this district are equipped with prefilled epinephrine auto syringes that can be administered by the school nurse or other school employee trained and supervised by the nurse when the nurse or trained employee believes, based on his or her training, that a student is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction. In accordance with law, qualified employees will

be held harmless and immune from civil liability for administering epinephrine in good faith and according to standard medical practice.

Epinephrine will only be administered in accordance with written protocols provided by an authorized prescriber. The Board will purchase an adequate number of prefilled epinephrine auto syringes based on the recommendation of the school nurse, who will be responsible for maintaining an adequate supply. The school principal will maintain a list of students who cannot, according to their parents/guardians, receive epinephrine. A current copy of the list will be kept with the devices at all times.

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