

File: JLCD - ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Medication may not be administered to students while at school unless such medicine is given to them by the school nurse acting under specific written request of the parent or guardian and under the written directive of the student's personal physician (see below for exceptions). If a student has been approved for self-administration, a student who needs medication during the school day may be reminded to take the medicine by the school nurse or other individual designated by the school nurse in the student's medical administration plan. This provision only applies when the school nurse has a medical administration plan in place for the student. No one but the school nurse, and those others listed in the medical administration plan acting within the above restriction, may give any medication to any student.

Exceptions:

The school district shall, through the district nurse leader, register with the Dept. of Public Health and train personnel in the use of epinephrine auto-injectors.

The school district may, in conjunction with the School Physician and the School Nurse Leader, stock nasal naloxone (Narcan) and trained medical personnel and first responders may administer nasal naloxone to individuals experiencing a life threatening opiate overdose in a school setting.

If the school district wishes medical personnel to train non-medical staff in the administration of nasal naloxone, the School Committee shall vote to approve such training and the Superintendent shall ensure that medical personnel have a written protocol which complies with medical directives and regulations from the Dept. of Public Health.

Following consultation with the school nurse, students who fall into the following exceptions may self-administer medications:

1. Students with asthma or other respiratory diseases may possess and administer prescription inhalers.
2. Students with cystic fibrosis may possess and administer prescription enzyme supplements.
3. Students with diabetes may possess and administer glucose monitoring tests and insulin delivery systems.
4. Students with life threatening allergies may possess and administer epinephrine.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:54B](#)

Dept. of Public Health Regulations:

105 CMR 210.00; 244 CMR 3.00

From Dr. Allison-Ampe:

From 105 CMR

210.003 Policies Governing the Administration of Prescription Medications in Schools

(A) The School Committee or Board of Trustees, consulting with the Board of Health where appropriate, shall adopt policies and procedures governing the administration of prescription medications and self-administration of prescription medications within the school system, following development of a proposal by the school nurse, in consultation with the school physician. Review and revision of such policies and procedures shall occur as needed but at least every two years. At a minimum, these policies shall include:

- (1) designation of a school nurse as supervisor of the prescription medication administration program in a school;
- (2) documentation of the administration of prescription medications;
- (3) response to a medication emergency;
- (4) storage of prescription medications;
- (5) reporting and documentation of medication errors;
- (6) dissemination of information to parents or guardians. Such information shall include an outline of a school's medication policies and shall be available to parents and guardians upon request;
- (7) procedures for resolving questions between the school and a parent or guardian regarding administration of medications. Such procedures shall provide for and encourage the participation of the parent or guardian. Existing procedures for resolution of differences may be used whenever appropriate.

(B) The School Committee or Board of Trustees shall submit these policies and procedures to the Department of Public Health upon request.

Our policy JLCD

- 1) doesn't do all the above
 - 2) hasn't got a date listed to show it was reviewed in the past two years
- There are some other policies which hit some of these points (ex: JLCCB-E - PROTOCOL AND GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES) but not for medications other than epi-pens.

Links:

105 CMR 210

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/105-cmr-210-the-administration-of-prescription-medications-in-public-and-private-schools/download>

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https://z2policy.ctspublish.com/masc/browse/arlingtonset/arlington/JLCD/z2Code_JLCD