

# DELAWARE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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210. USE OF MEDICATIONS	
1. Purpose	The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours in accordance with the direction of a parent/guardian or family physician will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not available during school hours.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a licensed prescriber and any over-the-counter medicines.
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 7.13	<p>Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Board shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The written request of the parent/guardian, giving permission for such administration and relieving the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication.</li> <li>2. The written order of the prescribing physician, which shall include the purpose of the medication, dosage, time at which or special circumstances under which the medication shall be administered, length of period for which medication is prescribed, and possible side effects of medication.</li> </ol> <p>The district agrees to hold harmless and indemnify all district nurses or nurse designees against any and all claims, damages, expenses, attorneys' fees, costs, cause or causes of action in law or equity or any case that may be brought against any district nurse or nurse designee in connection with dispensation of medications.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the certified school nurse department chair, shall develop procedures for the administration and self-administration of students' medications.

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<p>5. Guidelines Pol. 218, 227</p> <p>Pol. 210.1</p>	<p>All medications shall be administered by a certified school nurse or licensed nurse, or self-administered by the student upon written request.</p> <p>The Nurse Practice Act prohibits unlicensed persons from administering medications.</p> <p>Building administrators and the certified school nurse department chair shall review regularly the procedures for administration and self-administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, safety practices, and effectiveness of this policy.</p> <p>Medications of any type in the student’s possession without written permission violates Board policy and subjects the student to penalties outlined in the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The district shall inform all parents/guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.</p> <p>All medications to be administered by the certified school nurse or licensed nurses shall be brought to school in the original container with the prescription label or physician’s label noting name of student, medication, dosage, and time to be given.</p> <p>When any medication prescribed for a student is initially brought to school, it shall be the responsibility of the certified school nurse or licensed nurses to complete the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain written permission from the physician or parent/guardian for administration or self-administration of medication, which shall be kept confidential and on file in the office of the certified school nurse or licensed nurses.</li> <li>2. Review pertinent information with the student and/or parent/guardian, specifically:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Reason for taking this medication.</li> <li>b. How often and length of time.</li> <li>c. Physician comments about the medication.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Determine the student's ability to self-administer asthma inhaled medication or other emergency medications as ordered by student's primary care physician and the need for care and supervision.</li> </ol>
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<p>Pol. 210.1</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 7.13</p> <p>School Code 510, 1402</p> <p>Board Policy 210.1, 218, 227</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Observe and evaluate the student's ability to self-administer during the initial administration.</li><li>5. Maintain an individual medication log for all students taking medication during school hours.</li><li>6. Students are only permitted to self-administer asthma inhalers as per school Board policy.</li><li>7. In special circumstances, i.e. field trips, the principal or assistant principal may designate administration of medication to school employees.</li></ol>
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