

Students

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN THE SCHOOLS

5141.21(a)

In compliance with the Connecticut General Statutes, administration of medications by school personnel will be permitted to meet the health needs of individual students with chronic or short term health problems.

Medications will be administered pursuant to the written order of an authorized prescriber and the written consent of the parent or guardian.

Medications in the schools will be administered by a licensed nurse (RN or LPN) or in the absence of a nurse, the following school personnel, who have been properly trained by a school nurse or school medical advisor, may administer medications:

- Principals and teachers;
- Licensed physical therapists (PT) or occupational therapists (OT) employed by the school district;
- Directors or director's designees for school readiness programs and before-and after-school programs;
- Paraprofessionals, in the case of a specific student with a medically diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt treatment with an epinephrine cartridge injector and/or inhalant medication to protect the student against serious harm or death;
- Coaches and licensed athletic trainers, during practices, games, and athletic activities, for students who are prescribed inhalant medications to treat respiratory conditions or students prescribed epinephrine cartridge injectors for a medically diagnosed allergic condition which may require prompt treatment to protect the student against serious harm or death;

A qualified school employee, who has been trained according to the medication regulations, may administer the following:

- Epinephrine cartridge injectors for the purpose of emergency first aid to students who experience allergic reactions and do not have a prior written authorization of a parent or guardian or a prior written order of a qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine;
- Antiepileptic medication, including by rectal syringe;
- A glucagon injection to a student with diabetes who may require prompt treatment to protect him / her from serious harm or death.

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The nurse must examine on-site any new medication, medication order and parental permission form and develop a medication administration plan for the student before any medication is given. If a school nurse determines any medication administration plan should be re-evaluated, the parent/guardian and authorized prescriber shall be notified immediately by the school nurse. In addition, the nurse may consult with the nursing supervisor and the school medical advisor as needed. In accordance with standard nursing practice, the school nurse may refuse to administer or allow school personnel to administer any prescription medication which, based on her/his individual assessment and professional judgment, has the potential to be harmful, dangerous, or inappropriate. In such cases a parent has the right to come to the school and administer the medication himself/herself.

The time or place where a student with diabetes may test his/her blood-glucose level on school grounds shall not be restricted provided the student has written parental/guardian permission and a written order from a physician stating that such child is capable of conducting self-testing on school grounds.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statute Section
10-212a Administration of Medications in Schools, including liability.

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