



Book	Policy Manual
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### 5330 - **USE OF MEDICATIONS**

The School Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours, or if the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines including those prescribed by a physician and any nonprescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. "Treatment" refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to health-care procedures which require special training, such as catheterization.

Before any medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. This document shall be kept on file in the clinic, and made available to the persons designated by this policy as authorized to administer medication or treatment. No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of medication to another student. Violations of this rule will be considered violations of Policy 5530 - Drug Prevention and of the Student Code of Conduct/Discipline Code.

Only medication in its original container; labeled with the date, if a prescription; the student's name; and exact dosage will be administered. The Superintendent shall determine a location in each building where the medications to be administered under this policy shall be stored, which shall be a locked storage place, unless the medications require refrigeration in which case they shall be stored in a refrigerator in a locked box or in a locked refrigerator not commonly used by students.

Students shall be permitted to carry and use, as necessary, an asthma inhaler, epi-pen, pancreatic enzymes for cystic fibrosis, and diabetic supplies provided the student has prior written permission from his/her parent and physician and has submitted a signed medication authorization and a contract to carry to the Principal.

The following staff are designated as being authorized to administer medication and treatment to students once they have attended medication training for the current school year:

- A. principal
- B. teacher
- C. school nurse
- D. building secretary
- E. aide

Students who may require administration of an emergency medication may have such medication, identified as aforementioned, stored in the clinic and administered in accord with this policy.

All dental disease prevention programs, sponsored by the Florida Department of Health and administered by school employees, parents, volunteers, employees of local health districts, or employees of the Florida Department of Health, which utilize prescription drugs for the prevention of dental disease and which are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida Department of Health are exempt from all requirements of this policy.

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