

Medications can be given at school if needed following state guidelines and District 12 policy. We encourage parents to give medication at home as much as possible. We must have written parental permission to give any medication at school. Additionally we require physician written authorization to give **any medication at school including all other over the counter medications**. All medication must be in original containers.

If your child needs to **self carry emergency medications**, please contact your school nurse. The student needs to demonstrate appropriate maturity, knowledge and responsibility to self administer emergency medication. A contract provided by the school nurse and signed by the student, parent, health care provider and school nurse is required.

Administering Medicines to Students

Medication may be given legally only by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of giving such medication. No prescription or nonprescription medication shall be administered at school by the school nurse or other school designee without the following requirements being met:

1. Medication shall be in the original properly labeled container. If it is a prescription medicine, the student's name, name of the drug, dosage, time for administering, name of physician and current date shall be printed on the container.
2. The school shall have received written permission from the doctor, dentist or other professional licensed to prescribe medication to administer any medication, whether it be prescription or over-the-counter.
3. The school shall also have received written permission from the parent/guardian to administer any medication. When such a request is made by a parent/guardian, a full release from the responsibilities pertaining to possible side effects or other medical consequences of such **medications** also must be included.

All medication shall be safeguarded at school to avoid any risk that it may be improperly administered to anyone. This includes cough drops containing pectin as the only active ingredient: HALL'S Fruit Breezers or LUDEN's cough drops. No homeopathic medications may be administered by the school nurse or Health Office staff.

Sharing, borrowing or distribution of any medication, whether it be prescription or over-the-counter is prohibited. The student's authorization to self-administer medication may be revoked by the school principal after consultation with the school nurse and the student's parents/guardian and the student may be subject to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, for violation of this policy.

Self-administration of medication for asthma, anaphylaxis, or other life-threatening conditions

A student with asthma, severe allergies, or other, life-threatening condition may possess and self-administer prescription medication to treat the student's asthma, anaphylaxis or other related life-threatening condition. Self-administration of such prescription medication may occur during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. Student possession

and self-administration of such prescription medication shall be in accordance with district guidelines set forth by the school nurse.

Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer prescription medication to treat the student's asthma, anaphylaxis or other related, life-threatening condition may be limited or revoked by the school nurse after consultation with the school principal and the student's parents/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [12-38-132](#) (delegation of nursing tasks)

C.R.S. [22-1-119](#) (no liability for adverse drug reactions/side effects)

C.R.S. [22-1-119.5](#) (Colorado Schoolchildren's Asthma and Anaphylaxis Health

Management Act)

C.R.S. [24-10-101](#) et seq. (Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)

6 CCR [1010-6](#), Rule 9-105 (regulations)

6 CCR [1010-6](#), Rule 9-106 (regulations)

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