

Administering Medications to Students

School personnel may not administer prescription or nonprescription medications to students unless appropriate administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours and the student's parent/guardian is not available to administer the medication during the school day.

Medication may be administered to students by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of administering such medication. For purposes of this policy, the term "medication" includes both prescription medication and nonprescription medication, but does not include medical marijuana.

The administration of medical marijuana must be in accordance with the Board's policy on administration of medical marijuana to qualified students.

The term "nonprescription medication" includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications, homeopathic and herbal medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements.

Medication may be administered to students by the school nurse or other school designee only when the following requirements are met:

1. Medication must be in the original properly labeled container. If it is a prescription medication, the student's name, name of the medication, dosage, how often it is to be administered, and name of the prescribing health care practitioner must be printed on the container.
2. The school must have received written permission to administer the medication from the student's health care practitioner with prescriptive authority under Colorado law.
3. The school shall have received written permission from the student's parent/guardian to administer the medication to the student.
4. The parent/guardian is responsible for providing all medication to be administered to the student.

Self-administration of medication for asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis, or other prescription medication

A student with asthma, a food allergy, other severe allergies, or a related, life-threatening condition may possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition. Self-administration of such 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 medication shall be in accordance with the regulation accompanying this policy.

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

Use of stock epinephrine auto-injectors in emergency situations

The district may have a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for use in emergency anaphylaxis events that occur on school grounds. Any administration of a stock epinephrine auto-injector to a student by a district employee shall be in accordance with applicable state law, including applicable State Board of Education rules.

The district's stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors, if available, is not intended to replace student-specific orders or medication provided by the student's parent/guardian to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition. The district's supply of epinephrine is for emergency situations for students or staff only.

Emphasis: Parents/guardians are responsible to insure epinephrine auto injectors are supplied to the school for use in emergencies where known or assumed student reactions are likely.

Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of medication inconsistent with this policy will be considered a violation of Board policy concerning drug and alcohol involvement by students and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [12-38-132](#) (*delegation of nursing tasks*)
C.R.S. 12-38-132.3 (*school nurses – over t-the-counter medication*)
C.R.S. [22-1-119](#) (*no liability for adverse drug reactions/side effects*)
C.R.S. 22-1-119.1 (*board may adopt policy to acquire a stock supply of opiate Antagonists*)
C.R.S. [22-1-119.5](#) (*Colorado Schoolchildren's Asthma, Food Allergy, and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act*)
C.R.S. [22-1-119.3](#) (3)(c), (d) (*no student possession or self-administration of medical marijuana, but school districts must permit the student's primary caregiver to administer medical marijuana to the student on school grounds, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event*)
C.R.S. [22-2-135](#) (*Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act*)
C.R.S. [24-10-101](#) et seq. (*Colorado Governmental Immunity Act*)

1 CCR 301-68 (*State Board of Education rules regarding student possession and administration of asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis management medications or other prescription medications*)

6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 6.13 (*requirements for health services in schools*)

CROSS REFS.:

[JICH](#), Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students

[JKD/JKE](#), Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions)

[JLCDA*](#), Students with Food Allergies

[JLCDB](#), Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

[JLCE](#), First Aid and Emergency Medical Care