

Student Illness Procedures shall be established by the administration to ensure that proper attention is given to any student who becomes ill during the course of a school day.

Accidents Involving Students Emergency procedures shall be established by the administration to ensure proper attention for any student injured at school. Records shall be maintained on all accidents that require the attention of a medical doctor.

Emergency Treatment Forms Each year, students and parents shall complete and sign a form that provides emergency information and authorizes school officials to obtain emergency medical treatment, as provided by law.

Standards for All Medications All medications shall be FDA-approved pharmaceuticals (prescription and nonprescription) administered within their therapeutic range and within standards of acceptable medical regimen. Research pharmaceuticals may be administered if they are a part of a University Institutional Review Board-approved protocol. Intravenous (IV) medications and treatments shall not be administered by school personnel.

Administering Medication No employee shall give any student prescription medication, non-prescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements of any type, except as provided below.

Exceptions Employees authorized by the Superintendent or designee may administer to students:

*Provided by
Parent*

1. Prescription medication in accordance with legal requirements. [See FFAC(LEGAL)] The physician or health-care professional shall be licensed to practice in the United States.

Nurses employed by the District may accept orders only from those physicians who are legally authorized to practice medicine in Texas by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners (Texas Medical Practice Act, Occupations Code, Title 3, Subtitle B, Section 155.001), active duty military physicians in the state of Texas, or civilian practitioners working at a military treatment facility in the state of Texas.

An out-of-state physician's orders may be accepted for a transitional 30-day period if the orders are complete. The orders shall only be considered complete if they contain the following information:

- a. Student's name;
- b. Date of birth;
- c. Diagnosis/condition for which the medication is prescribed;

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- d. Dose;
- e. Route;
- f. Frequency of administration;
- g. Duration of treatment;
- h. Potential side effects;
- i. Emergency care;
- j. Physician's name, signature, address, and telephone number; and
- k. The date the order was written.

If after 30 days, orders from a Texas licensed physician or health-care practitioners, active duty military physician in the state of Texas, or civilian practitioner working at a military treatment facility in the state of Texas are not received, the medication shall not be administered during the school day by a District employee. No exceptions to this policy shall be made. A parent or guardian or designated adult may administer the medication until orders are received from a licensed physician or health-care practitioner in Texas, an active duty military physician in the state of Texas, or a civilian practitioner working at a military treatment facility in Texas.

All prescription medications shall have been prescribed by a licensed physician or health-care practitioner in the United States. All medications shall have been manufactured in the United States. The physician or health-care professional shall be licensed to practice in the United States.

- 2. Nonprescription medication, upon a parent's written request, when properly labeled and in the original container. [See STANDARDS FOR ALL MEDICATIONS, above] The parent's written request shall be honored for up to ten school days. Thereafter, administration of any nonprescription medication shall only be with a physician's order. The licensed physician or health-care practitioner must meet the requirements described in item 1.
- 3. Nonprescription medication provided on an emergency basis by the District and consistent with:
 - a. Protocols established by the District's medical adviser who must be licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas; and

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District*

b. Parental consent given on the emergency treatment form.

4. The District shall administer the following prescription medications solely on an emergency basis: ~~a~~ Albuterol solution through a nebulizer, ~~and~~

- ~~An Epi-Pen® containing epinephrine~~

~~These~~ prescription medications shall only be administered in accordance with:

~~e.a.~~ Standing orders and protocols established by the District's medical advisor, who must be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas; and

~~d.b.~~ Parental consent given on the emergency treatment form or, where a parent has not returned an emergency treatment form, in life-threatening situations where time is of the essence and parents cannot be contacted within a reasonable time.

The determination of whether to administer ~~this either of these~~ prescription medications to a student in an emergency situation shall be made solely by the school nurse, who shall assess the student's needs and administer the medication needed to alleviate the emergency.

Epinephrine

The District authorizes school personnel who have agreed in writing and been adequately trained to administer an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with law and this policy. Administration of epinephrine shall only be permitted when an authorized and trained individual reasonably believes a person is experiencing anaphylaxis.

On Campus

Authorized and trained individuals may administer an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector at any time to a person experiencing anaphylaxis on a school campus.

The District shall ensure that at each campus a sufficient number of personnel are trained to administer epinephrine so that at least one trained individual is present on campus during all hours the campus is open. In accordance with state rules, the campus shall be considered open for this purpose during regular on-campus school hours and whenever school personnel are physically on site for school-sponsored activities.

Maintenance, Availability, and Training

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations designating a coordinator to manage policy implementation and addressing annual training of school personnel in accordance with

Notice to Parents

[law; procedures for auto-injector use; and acquisition or purchase, maintenance, expiration, disposal, and availability of unassigned epinephrine auto-injectors at each campus.](#)

[In accordance with law, the District shall provide notice to parents regarding the epinephrine program, including notice of any change to or discontinuation of this program.](#)

Field Trips / Off-Campus, School-Sponsored Events

For any District student attending a field trip or off-campus school-sponsored event, any prescription medication that the District is required to administer under this policy shall be sent with the student's trained and authorized District teacher and/or nurse along with instructions on the administration of the medication.

In addition to trained and authorized District teacher(s) and/or nurse(s), a parent or legal guardian who meets the criteria for one of the following: a licensed physician in Texas, a registered nurse licensed in Texas, or a vocational nurse licensed in Texas, a physician's assistant licensed in Texas, or a pharmacist licensed in Texas may administer prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with this policy when on overnight field trips and/or off-campus, school-sponsored events. Prior to being allowed to do so, such individuals must complete all required training for administration of prescription and non-prescription medication provided by the student's school nurse.

Nonprescription medication(s) are not provided by the District during field trips and/or off-campus, school-sponsored events. Any such medications must be provided by the parent/guardian of the student, along with a written request, containing instructions on the administration of the nonprescription medication(s) to the student. Medications must be in the original manufacturer's container.

In the event of an emergency medical situation involving a District student for which no District employee was previously aware and that occurs during a field trip and/or during an off-campus, school-sponsored event when no school nurse is present, emergency medical services shall immediately be notified by any District employee in attendance.

Enteral Feedings

All enteral feeding formulas must be commercially prepared in the United States, provided by the student's parent/guardian, and enclosed in the original sealed and unopened container when brought to the school clinic. If a licensed physician or health-care practitioner orders a noncommercial formula, all ingredients must be provided in their original, unopened containers or in their natural state together with instructions for preparation.

Students requiring enteral feedings must have current orders for the enteral feedings from a licensed physician or health-care practitioner in the state of Texas, an active duty military physician in the state of Texas, or a civilian practitioner working at a military treatment facility in the state of Texas. Out-of-state physician's orders for enteral feedings may be accepted for a transitional 30-day period if the orders are complete. In order to be considered complete, the out-of-state physician's orders must contain:

- The student's name;
- Date of birth
- Diagnosis/condition for which the enteral feeding is prescribed;
- Amount of enteral formula to be administered;
- Frequency of administration;
- Specific time and method of administration;
- Length of time the feedings are to continue;
- Special instructions;
- Precautions/untoward reactions;
- The physician's name, signature, address, and telephone number; and
- The date the order was written.

If after 30 days, orders from a Texas licensed physician or health-care practitioner, active duty military physician in the state of Texas, or civilian practitioner working at a military treatment facility in the state of Texas are not received, the enteral feeding will not be administered during the school day by a District employee. No exceptions to this policy shall be made. A parent or guardian or designated adult may administer the enteral feeding until orders are received from a licensed physician or health-care practitioner in Texas, an active duty military physician in the state of Texas, or a civilian practitioner working at a military treatment facility in Texas.

Psychotropics

Except as permitted by Education Code 38.016, an employee shall not:

- | ~~4.1.~~ Recommend to a student or a parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
- | ~~5.2.~~ Suggest a particular diagnosis; or

- | ~~6.3.~~ 6.3. Exclude the student from a class or a school-related activity because of the parent's refusal to consent to psychiatric evaluation or examination or treatment of the student.

**Compliance with Do
Not Resuscitate
Order**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines and procedures to assist staff in complying with the Texas Department of State Health Services out-of-hospital do not resuscitate (DNR) orders. If a student for whom the school has a DNR order on file experiences cardiac or respiratory arrest, District personnel shall initiate such actions as specified in the written, signed, and witnessed DNR order.