

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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210. USE OF MEDICATIONS	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication to a student during school hours in accordance with the direction of a parent/guardian or family physician will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not available during school hours.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and over-the-counter medicines.
3. Authority SC 1850.1	<p>Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Joint Operating Committee shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The written request of the parent/guardian, giving permission for such administration and relieving the Joint Operating Committee and its employees of liability for administration of medication. 2. The written order of the prescribing physician, which shall include the name of the student, name of the medication, purpose of the medication, prescribed dosage, time at which or special circumstances under which the medication shall be administered, length of period for which medication is prescribed, possible side effects of medication, and physician's signature and date.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Administrative Director, in conjunction with the nurse, shall develop procedures for the administration and self-administration of students' medications.</p> <p>All medications shall be administered by the Administrative Director or designee, or self-administered by the student, upon written request.</p> <p>All employees involved in administering or supervising self-administration of medication shall receive appropriate training from the nurse before performing this responsibility.</p>

<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The building administrator and nurse shall review regularly the procedures for administration and self-administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, safety practices, and effectiveness of this policy.</p> <p>The center shall inform all parents/guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.</p> <p>When any medication prescribed for a student is initially brought to the center, it shall be the responsibility of the certified nurse to complete the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Obtain written permission from the physician or parent/guardian for administration or self-administration of medication, which shall be kept confidential and on file in the office of the nurse.2. Review pertinent information with the student and/or parent/guardian, specifically:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Reason for taking this medication.b. How often and length of time.c. What will happen if medication is not taken or is taken incorrectly.d. Physician's comment about the medication.3. Determine the student's ability to self-administer medication and the need for care and supervision.4. Observe and evaluate the student's ability to self-administer during the initial administration.5. Maintain an individual medication log for all students taking medication during school hours. The log shall be kept in a central place and shall include:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Name of student.b. Name of medication.c. Medication dosage.d. Time of administration.e. Route of administration.
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f. Signature of student and the monitor of self-administration.

g. Initiation and expiration date of drug.

Student Self-Administration

To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:

1. Respond to and visually recognize his/her name.
2. Identify his/her medication.
3. Measure, pour and administer the prescribed dosage.
4. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication.
5. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in all aspects of self-administration.

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1402, 1850.1