

## **ADMINISTERING MEDICINE TO STUDENTS**

School personnel shall 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, hemp oil, cannabinoid oil products, or essential oils

The administration of Medical Marijuana, Hemp oils, and/or Cannabinoid Products shall be in accordance with the Board's policy JLCDB.

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 shall 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 shall be printed on the container.
2. The school shall 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 shall be responsible for providing all medication to be administered to the student.

### **For Non-Prescription Medications (not administered by school personnel)**

For non-prescription medications, a student will have to provide the school with a written, signed note from his/her parent or guardian granting permission for the student to take the medication at school.

At no time should a student have in his/her possession more than one day's dosage of any such medication. The medication shall be in the original, properly labeled container.

### **Self-administration of Certain Prescription Medications**

Students with asthma, severe allergies, or other related, life-threatening conditions may possess and self-administer related medications to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition. After authorization by the school nurse and the student's

parent/guardian, 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.

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. The student may be subject to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion for abuse of this privilege.

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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 & Anaphylaxis Health Management Act*)  
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*)  
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 9-105 (*regulations*)  
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 9-106 (*regulations*)  
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.: JLCE, First Aid  
JLCDA, Student with Food Allergies  
JKD/JKE, [Classroom Removal/Suspension/Expulsion/Denial of Admission](#)  
GBG, [Liability of School Personnel/Staff Protection](#) JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students  
JLCDB, Administration of Medical Marijuana, Hemp Oil and Cannibinoid Products to Qualified Students  
JLCDB - E, Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

*Note: see "School Nurse Protocols" for procedures for administration.*