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Medication at School

Under normal circumstances, prescribed or over-the-counter medication should be dispensed before and/or after school hours under the supervision of the parent or guardian. If a student must receive prescribed or over-the-counter oral or topical medication, eye drops or ear drops medications from an authorized staff member, the parent must submit a written authorization accompanied by a written request from a licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority. The order should be current, valid, updated as needed, and will only remain in effect for the remainder of the current school year.

The superintendent, or designee, will establish procedures for:

- A. Delegating, training and supervising of staff members in the administration of prescribed or non-prescribed medication to students by a physician or registered nurse;
- B. Designating staff members who may administer prescribed or non-prescribed medication to students;
- C. Obtaining signed and dated parental and health professional requests for the dispensing of prescribed and non-prescribed medications;
- D. Storing prescribed or non-prescribed medication in a locked or limited access facility;
- E. Maintaining records pertaining to the administration of prescribed or non-prescribed medication; and
- F. Permitting, under limited circumstances, students to carry and self-administer non-controlled medications necessary to their attendance at school.

Nasal inhalers, suppositories and non-emergency injections may not be administered by school staff other than registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. No medication shall be administered by injection (epi-pen) except when a student is susceptible to a predetermined, life-endangering situation. In such an instance, the parent will submit a written and signed permission statement. Such an authorization shall be supported by signed and dated written orders, accompanied by supporting directions from a licensed health professional. A staff member will be trained prior to the staff member injecting a medication.

If the district decides to discontinue administering a student's medication, the superintendent or designee must provide notice to the student's parent or guardian orally and in writing prior to the discontinuance. There must be a valid reason for the discontinuance that does not compromise the health of the student or violate legal protections for the disabled.

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 RCW 28A.210.270 Public and Private Schools--Administration of Oral
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