

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: 200 Pupils

TITLE: Use of Medication/
Medical Technology

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Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) is committed to providing safe, welcoming, and healthy learning environments in all School District of Philadelphia (“District”) schools. The purpose of this Policy is to guide District staff, parents/guardians, and students about the administration of medication or medical technology to students during school time.

Authority

Pursuant to Pennsylvania law, the Board shall enact policy and procedures regarding the administration of medication, medical technology, and treatment of students during school hours or during school related activities. [1]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, in conjunction with the Office of Student Health Services, to develop Administrative Procedures for the administration and self-administration of students’ medications and use of medical technology, including the delivery, storage, and disposal of medications and medical technology. The District shall inform all parents/guardians, students, and staff about the Policy and Administrative Procedures governing the administration of medications and use of medical technology.

In the event of an emergency, any District employee may administer emergency care, first aid, or rescue when they believe, in good faith, that a student needs emergency care, first aid, or rescue.[2] Pursuant to Pennsylvania law, school officers or employees, physicians or other practitioners, and any person who acts in good faith are not liable for civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions during emergency care, first aid, or rescue. [2][3][4]

The Office of Student Health Services shall reference the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s Guidelines for Pennsylvania Schools for the Administration of Medications and Emergency Health Care in developing Administrative Procedures.

The Office of Student Health Services, or its designees, must receive a parent/guardian consent and a valid prescription annually at the start of the school year in order to be able to administer medication or medical technology.

Mandatory Regulatory Procedures

The policy shall be distributed with the Student Code of Conduct as required under 22 Pa. Code § 12.3(c) (relating to school rules) and made available on the District's publicly accessible Internet website.

Student health records shall be confidential and maintained in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, the Department of Health Guidelines, and Board policies and Administrative Procedures.[5][6]

The administration of medication or utilization of medical technology shall be consistent with any accommodations outlined in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.[7][8]

Legal References:

1. 22 Pa. Code §12.41
2. [42 Pa. C.S. §8337.1](#)
3. [42 Pa. C.S. §8332](#)
4. [42 Pa. C.S. §8331](#)
5. [24 P.S. §1409](#)
6. Policy 216 - Student Records
7. Policy 103.1 - Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities/Protected Handicapped Students
8. Policy 113 - Special Education

Related Information:

[Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines for Pennsylvania Schools for the Administration of Medications and Emergency Care, March 2010](#)