

Administration of Medications to Students

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| Descriptor Term: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS | | Descriptor Code: 6125* (formerly JGCD) |
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The Guilford County Board of Education recognizes that under certain circumstances it will be necessary for students to take medication during school hours or after school hours while participating in extra-curricular activities or tutorials. The N.C. General Statutes permit public school employees, when given ~~the authority~~[authority](#) by the Board, to administer medication prescribed by a doctor upon written request of the parent/~~guardian~~[caregiver](#). The Board authorizes school system personnel to administer medications in the case of a student who has a chronic health problem, or a student with an unusual health problem where emergency measures may be required.

School staff may administer medication to students at school only if the [prescribing](#) health care provider deems it necessary for the medication to be given during ~~the~~ school hours and if a parent/[guardian](#)[caregiver](#) requests it in writing. Medication shall be administered in accordance with the health care provider's instructions and established procedures.

Upon the written request of the parent/caregiver and the approval of the school nurse that the student is able to safely self-administer, students may self-carry certain over-the-counter medications in accordance with administrative regulations issued by the Superintendent. The school will assume no liability for students who self-medicate or for the transportation of medication to and/or from school.

The school and its personnel and the Board of Education will assume no liability for complications or side effects of medications when administered in accordance with the instructions provided by the parent/guardian and health care provider.

~~SA students~~ with asthma, ~~diabetes~~, or ~~a student~~ subject to anaphylactic reactions, ~~or both~~, may possess and self-administer medication as prescribed for treatment, during the school day, at school-~~sponsored~~ activities or while in transit. The student must demonstrate to the school nurse, ~~or the nurse's designee~~, the skill level necessary to use the ~~emergency~~[asthma](#) medication and any device that is necessary to administer the medication. The student's parent or guardian must provide written authorization including medical verification as outlined in ~~JGCD-P~~ [administrative regulations to be issued by the Superintendent](#).

Schools are authorized to store certain emergency medications as allowed by state law. Designated trained school personnel are authorized to use authorized emergency medications to

[deliver emergency medical aid to any person suffering from an indicated emergency during the school day or at a school-sponsored event on school property pursuant to the medical care program under G.S. 115C-375.1 and the guidance of the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services.](#)

The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures for the implementation of this policy.

Legal References: Americans with Disabilities Act, [42 U.S.C. 12134](#), [28 C.F.R. pt. 35](#); Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, [20 U.S.C. 1232g](#); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, [20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.](#), [34 C.F.R. pt. 300](#); Rehabilitation Act of 1973, [29 U.S.C. 705\(20\)](#), [794](#), [34 C.F.R. pt. 104](#); [G.S. 115C-36](#), [-307\(c\)](#), [-375.1](#), [-375.2](#), [-375.2A](#), [-375.3](#); *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy [EXCP-000](#)

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 1310/4002), Administration of Medication to Students (regulation 6125-R)

Other Resources: *North Carolina School Health Program Manual* (N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Div. of Child and Family Well-Being, School, Adolescence and Child Health Unit, 2023), available at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/child-and-family-well-being/whole-child-health-section/school-adolescent-and-child-health/school-nursing-support#SchoolHealthProgramManual-4324>

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