

Administering Medicines to Students

Medication may be given legally only by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of giving such medication. No prescription or nonprescription medication shall be administered at school by the school nurse or other school designee without the following requirements being met:

1. Medication shall be in the original properly labeled container. If it is a prescription medicine, the student's name, name of the drug, dosage, time for administering, name of physician, and current date shall be printed on the container.
2. The school shall have received written permission from the doctor, dentist, or other professional licensed to administer the medication.
3. The school shall have received written permission from the parent/guardian to administer the medication. When such a request is made by a parent/guardian, a full release from the responsibilities pertaining to side effects or other medical consequences of such medications also must be presented.

All medication shall be safeguarded at school to avoid any risk that it may be improperly administered to anyone.

Self-administration of medication for asthma or anaphylaxis

A student with asthma, severe allergies, or other related, life-threatening condition may possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, anaphylaxis, or other related life-threatening condition. 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. Student possession and self-administration of such medication shall be in accordance with regulation JLCD-R.

Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, 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 parents/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication.

Sharing, borrowing or distribution of medication is prohibited. The student's authorization to self-administer medication may be revoked by the school principal after consultation with the school nurse and the student's parents/guardian and the student may be subject to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, for violation of this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 12-38-132 (*delegation of nursing tasks*)
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 and Anaphylaxis Health 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*)

CROSS REF.: JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care