

## Medication at School

Administration of Medication at School policy is approved by the board with advisement from the Certificated School Nurses and following the outline of the statutory conditions found in RCW 28A.210.260 and 270. Public school districts provide for the administration of oral medication, topical medications, eye drops, ear drops or nasal spray medication of any nature to students who are in the custody of the school district or school at the time of administration.

Administration of medication at school can be provided with acquisition of medication requests and instruction from parent or legal guardian and acquisition of medication requests and instruction from a licensed health care professional prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority. The documented instruction needs to contain the identity of the medication and dosage to be administered and be written, current and unexpired from a licensed health professional. The medication needs to be presented to the school in the original container and properly labeled.

Schools have the responsibility to ensure that medications are stored in a safeguarded environment, with access limited to those who have authority to access medications. A medication request form and medication administration record must be kept for each student.

It is preferable for medications to be dispensed before and/or after school hours under supervision of a parent/guardian.

Medication administration at each school site is provided under the Registered Nurse License of the assigned Certificated School Nurse in accordance with RCW 18.79. This is a function that can be delegated to designated building staff that are supervised and have been trained in proper medication procedures noted in RCW 28A.210.260 [5 and 7].

In accordance to RCW 28A.210.260 [8a] the parent or legal guardian can determine a "parent-designated adult" (PDA). The PDA is a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a health care professional selected by the parents, and who provides care for the child consistent with the individual health plan. The Registered Nurse is not responsible for the supervision of the PDA for the procedures that are authorized by the parent.

Procedures will be established to maintain compliance with this policy.

### Cross References

8315-R1 Procedures for Parent-Designated Adult Care Provider

Edmonds School District

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