

MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEDICATION POLICY

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Regulatory Authority 105 CMR 210.000: M.G.L. c. 94C.s. 7(g); c. 71. s. 54B.

The Mansfield Public Schools follows regulations under the Massachusetts Department of Public Health 105 CMR 210.000: THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS and the Massachusetts Department Board of Registration of Nursing regulations. The nurse leader shall supervise the Medication Administration Program and develop and oversee procedures to administer such a program. Nursing staff shall establish a record-keeping program for each student requiring medication.

All medication is administered under the supervision of the school nurse with written parental/guardian consent. Prescription medications additionally require a written order by a licensed prescriber. Medications must be provided in a pharmacy labeled container.

The licensed/registered school nurses will be the administrators of the medication administration program within the schools. Only licensed/registered school nurses, or student nurses under the supervision of the school nurses, are authorized to administer medication to students. Medications will be administered only during the hours that school is in session. In accordance with standard nursing practice, the school nurse may refuse to administer or allow to be administered any medication which, based on her/his individual assessment and professional judgment, has the potential to be harmful, dangerous or inappropriate, or is not FDA approved.

The school district shall, through the district nurse leader, register with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the limited purpose of permitting the delegation of prescription medication to unlicensed school personnel on field trips and short term special events and administration of epinephrine by auto injector. School nurses will train specific school personnel in Epi-Pen administration and medication for field trips.

Following consultation with the school nurse and with a written order by licensed prescriber, students who fall into the following exceptions may self-administer medications:

- Students with asthma or other respiratory diseases may possess and administer prescription inhalers.
- Students with cystic fibrosis may possess and administer prescription enzyme supplements.
- Students with diabetes may possess and administer glucose monitoring tests and insulin delivery systems
- Students with allergies may possess and administer Epi-pens.