

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

The Mansfield Public Schools follows regulations under the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the administration of medication in public schools, the School Committee will vote to approve such training and the Superintendent will ensure that medical personnel have a written protocol which complies with medical directives and regulations from the Dept. of Public Health and Massachusetts Department Board of Registration of Nursing regulations.

The District **Nurse Leader** will supervise the Medication Administration Program and develop and oversee procedures to administer such a program. Nursing staff will 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 that, based on their individual assessment and professional judgment, has the potential to be harmful, dangerous or inappropriate, or is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The Mansfield Public Schools will, 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 epinephrine auto-injectors administration and medication for field trips.

The school district may, in conjunction with the School Physician and the School Nurse Leader, stock nasal naloxone (Narcan), and trained medical personnel and first responders may administer nasal naloxone to individuals experiencing a life-threatening opiate overdose in a school setting.

If the school district wishes medical personnel to train non-medical staff in the administration of nasal naloxone, the School Committee will vote to approve such training and the Superintendent will ensure that medical personnel have a written protocol that complies with medical directives and regulations from the Department of Public Health.

Provided that criteria consistent with school protocol are met and there is 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.

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- 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 epinephrine.
- While on field trips, high school students may be allowed to carry and self-administer prescription medications at the nurse's discretion.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:54B; M.G.L. c. 94C.s. 7(g)
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health Regulations: 105 CMR 210.000

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NOTE: Regulations that govern the administration of prescription medication in public and private schools specifically detail the procedures that need to be followed. There are provisions for non-medical personnel to be authorized to administer these medications, but the requirements of this regulation must be followed in order to receive permission for this exception. It is advisable for the School District to refer to DOPH Regulation 105 CMR 210.00 before developing the policy JLCD. The regulations also require procedures be published, which should be done by creating the Regulations/Procedure coded: JLCD-R