

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Although the Board discourages the administration of medication to students during the school day when other options exist, it recognizes that in some instances a student's chronic or short-term illness, injury, or disabling condition may require the administration of medication during the school day. The school will not deny educational opportunities to students requiring the administration of medication in order to remain in attendance and participate in the educational program.

The intent of this policy is to promote the safe administration of medications to students by school personnel. This policy provides for authorization of student self-administration of medications. The Board encourages collaboration between parents/guardians and the schools in these efforts. The Board disclaims any and all responsibility for the diagnosis, prescription of treatment, and administration of medication for any student, and for any injury arising from administration or self-administration of medication.

The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for developing administrative procedures and/or protocols to implement or supplement this policy.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 254; 4009 (4)
 Ch. 40 (ME Dept. of Ed. Rule)
 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)
 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)
 34 C.F.R. Part 300 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

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