

## **BOARD POLICY**

**Descriptor Term: JGCD**

### **STUDENTS MEDICATION**

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#### Parent Authorization

No medication of any kind shall be administered to any student without a signed authorization from the student's parent or guardian; provided, however, School District employees may administer auto-injectable epinephrine, if available, to any student without regard to whether the student has a prescription for epinephrine if it appears that the student is suffering from anaphylactic shock. The School District shall provide information to select personnel regarding the symptoms of anaphylactic shock and the correct method of administering auto-injectable epinephrine.

#### Self-Administration of Medications

Students are authorized to carry and self-administer approved medications while in school; at a school-sponsored activity; while under the supervision of school personnel; or while in before-school or after-school care on school operated property. "Self-administration" means a student's discretionary use of a prescribed medication.

Medications that may be self-administered by students include asthma medications, auto-injectable epinephrine, insulin delivered through an insulin pump, and, as authorized by the building principal, other potentially life-saving medications.

Before a student shall be allowed to possess or self-administer any medications, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- (1) The parent/guardian must provide a written statement from the student's prescribing physician that details the name of the medication, the details of administration, and certifies that the student has been instructed in the correct and responsible use of the medication and is able to self-administer the medication;
- (2) The parent/guardian must provide a written statement consenting to the self-administration and provide a release authorizing the school nurse or other designated school personnel to consult with the prescribing physician in the event that questions arise with regard to the medication;
- (3) The parent/guardian must sign a form releasing the school from liability in the event the student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering the medication; and
- (4) The student must demonstrate, in the sole discretion of the school nurse, the skill and maturity level necessary to safely and responsibly use the medication and any device that is necessary to self-administer the medication.

The required written statements shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.

Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of school personnel to enforce rules and consequences for inappropriate or prohibited behavior in connection with the student's possession or self-administration of medication. Medications shared with classmates will be confiscated and the student's privilege of self-administration will be reevaluated and/or removed.

#### Prohibition on Mandatory Medication

The Bibb County School District shall not require students to obtain a prescription for medication or to take medication as a condition of attending school, receiving an evaluation or special education and related services. This policy does not prohibit consultation with parents and other parties regarding the academic or functional performance of students, including behavior or the need to request an evaluation due to such performance.

The Superintendent is authorized and directed to implement regulations and/or protocols to establish standards related to documentation requirements for all medications and the transportation, labeling and storage of medications.