

New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation

Bylaws & Policies

5330 - USE OF MEDICATIONS

The School Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours, or the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines including those prescribed by a physician and any non-prescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. "Treatment" refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to health-care procedures which require special training, such as catheterization or intravenous or intramuscular injection.

Before any prescribed medication or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written prescription from the child's physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent to be filed annually. The prescription must be in its original container, labeled with the student's name and the exact dosage. At no time is the school to administer a dosage other than that authorized by the physician's prescription. Both must also authorize any self-medication by the student. In addition, the physician's statement authorizing self-medication must include the information set forth in Policy 5330.01 - Self-Administered Medication.

Before any non-prescribed medication or treatment may be administered, the Board shall require the prior written consent of the parent. Except in the case of authorized self-medication, all forms of medication shall be administered by the Corporation in accordance with the Superintendent's guidelines. No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of over-the-counter medication to another student.

Violations of this rule will be considered violations of Policy [5530](#) – Drug Prevention and of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code.

Students who may require administration of an emergency medication may have such medication, identified as aforementioned, stored in the office and administered in accord with this policy. However, if authorization for self-medication has been provided by the parent and physician which complies with the requirements of Policy 5330.01 - Self-Administered Medication, then the student may retain possession of the self-administered medications.

Medication that is possessed by a school for administration during school hours or at school functions for a student may be released to:

- (1) the student's parent; or
- (2) an individual who is:
 - (A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

(B) designated in writing by the student's parent to receive the medication.

A school corporation may send home medication that is possessed by a school for administration during school hours or at school functions with a student if the student's parent provides written permission for the student to receive the medication.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines to ensure the proper implementation of this policy.

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