

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

ADOPTED: January 11, 2012

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">210. USE OF MEDICATIONS</p> <p>The Board believes that except in emergency or exceptional situations, all prescription or nonprescription medication should be given to students at home by their parents/guardians. The Board recognizes, however, that situations may arise when medication is necessary during school hours; therefore, it shall be the responsibility of the administration to develop clearly defined regulations regarding the administration of medication during regular school hours, by which all school personnel and students shall be guided.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, medication shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and any over-the-counter medicines.</p> <p>When medication is to be administered during school hours, the prescribed medication shall be sent to school under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written and signed request from a physician shall detail the name of the drug, the dosage, the time interval that the medication is to be taken and the reason for the medication to be given. 2. The parent/guardian shall sign and confirm the request that the school district comply with the physician's order and sign a waiver releasing the school district, its agents and employees from any and all liability, loss, and claim of whatsoever nature resulting from the administration of the medication to the student and from all illness or injuries which may result there from. 3. If the nurse is to administer the medication, the medication will be held in the health room. It shall be the student's responsibility to go to the health room or to the office at the correct time, and the nurse shall administer the medication.
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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p><u>Nonprescription Medication – acetaminophen, ibuprofen, antacid, and other over the counter medicines may be administered according to the current standing orders of the school physician if the parent/guardian’s written permission for the current year is on file. Emergency medications and first aid treatment will be administered according to the standing orders of the school physician.</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the head nurse, shall develop administrative regulations for the administration and self-administration of students' medications.</p> <p>All medications shall be administered by the school nurse or designee, or self-administered by the student upon written request. <u>In the absence of the school nurse, the building principal or his/her designee shall be responsible for selecting the correct medication from the medication storage area and supervising the student’s self-administration of medication.</u></p> <p>All district employees involved in administering or supervising of self-administration of medication shall receive appropriate training from the school nurse before performing this responsibility.</p> <p>Building administrators and the head nurse shall review regularly the procedures for administration and self-administration of medications and shall evaluate recordkeeping, safety practices, and effectiveness of this policy.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The district shall inform all parents/guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.</p> <p><u>Student Self-Administration</u></p> <p>To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to and visually recognize his/her name. 2. Identify his/her medication. 3. Measure, pour and administer the prescribed dosage. 4. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication. 5. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in all aspects of self-administration.

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	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1402</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 000</p>
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