

Administering Injectable Medicines to Students

The ESD recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of students who require regular injections of medication as a result of experiencing an allergic reaction or have a need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma, or diabetes. Therefore, in situations when a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, designated trained staff may administer to students, by means of injection, epinephrine, glucagon or other medications as prescribed and allowed by Oregon law (OAR 851-047-0030).

When directed by a physician or other licensed health care professional students in grades K-12 will be allowed to self administer medication. A medical protocol regarding each student who self administers injectable medication will be developed, signed by a physician or other licensed health care professional [and parent] and kept on file. Permission for self administered medication may be revoked if the student violates policy or medical protocol.

All requests for the ESD to administer injectable medication to a student shall be made by the parent in writing. Requests shall be accompanied by the physician's order for administering epinephrine, glucagon, or other medication as allowed by law. A prescription label will be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements for a physician's order for epinephrine, glucagon or other medication. A process shall be established by which, upon parent written request, a backup prescribed autoinjectable epinephrine be kept at a reasonable, secured location in the student's classroom.

The ESD may designate staff authorized to administer epinephrine and glucagon or other medication as allowed under Oregon law. Training shall be provided as required by law in accordance with approved protocols as established by Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services. Staff designated to receive training shall also receive blood borne pathogens training. A current first-aid and CPR card will also be required.

Injectable medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established ESD regulations governing administering noninjectable/injectable medicines to students including procedures for disposal of sharps and glass.

The superintendent will ensure student health management plans are developed as required by training protocols, maintained on file and pertinent health information is provided to ESD staff as appropriate. Such plans will include provisions for responding to emergency situations including those occurring during curricular and extracurricular activities held after regular school hours and on or off ESD property.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 109.640](#)

[ORS 339.866](#)

[ORS 339.870](#)

[ORS 339.871](#)

[ORS 433.800](#) - 433.830

[OAR 333-055-0000](#) to -0035

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