

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The Board of Education recognizes that the administration of prescription and non-prescription medications by school personnel is a program adjustment to meet the health needs of a student only pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine, licensed dentist, licensed optometrist, licensed podiatrist, physician's assistant (with M.D.'s stamp) or licensed advanced practice registered nurse and must be administered during school hours and school sponsored field trips and before and after school programs (as defined in the CGS 12-212a-1).

The attached procedures outline the process for administering prescription and non-prescription medications. A school nurse or any other nurse licensed in the State of Connecticut may administer medications to students in school. In the absence of a nurse, the building principals or designated teachers, a licensed physical or occupational therapist employed by the district and coaches of intramural and interscholastic athletics of the school district, pursuant to the regulations of the State Board of Education Connecticut Regulations Section 10-212a who are trained through involvement of a physician, nurse supervisor, or qualified school nurse may administer medicinal preparations to students, as set forth in the attached administrative procedures. Medicinal preparations must be accompanied by the authorization of the student's parents/guardians and the written order from a licensed physician, a licensed dentist, an optometrist licensed to practice optometry in this state under Chapter 380, a licensed podiatrist under Chapter 375 pursuant to the regulations of the State Board of Education, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with C.G.S. Section 20-12d, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with C.G.S. 20-94a.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-212a, no school nurse or other nurse, principal, teacher, licensed physical or occupational therapist employed by a school district, coach, trainer, or school paraprofessional administering medication pursuant to subsection (d) of the statute shall be liable to a student or a parent or guardian of such student, for civil damages for any personal injuries which result from acts or omissions of a school nurse or other nurse, principal, teacher, licensed physical or occupational therapist employed by a school district, coach, trainer or school paraprofessional administering medication pursuant to subsection (d) of the statute in administering such preparations which may constitute ordinary negligence. This immunity shall not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, willful or wanton negligence.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes 10-212a, 20-94a, 21a-240, 254-262
Connecticut Regulations, Section 10-212a 1 through 10, inclusive
Connecticut Regulations, Section 21a-262-1, 2, 3, 8 and 9

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