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MEDICATION POLICY (ROCHESTER SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES)

Due to the increase of parent/guardian requests that student be given medication during school hours, the following is a copy of the School Board policy on medication:

When other arrangements can be made medication should not be taken during school hours. Most prescriptions can be regulated around the school hours. When medication has to be taken during school hours it must be a prescribed medication. Any over the counter medication including cough syrups, pain relievers, etc. should be taken before and after school. In accordance with ED 311.02 if a prescribed medication must be taken during school hours, the school nurse must have the following three items:

1. A prescription written by the practitioner stating what the medication is, the dosage and time as well as a diagnosis, if not in violation of confidentiality.
2. A properly labeled bottle from a pharmacy (containing no more than one month's dosage). A parent or designated adult must deliver the medication to school; a student may not carry it per ED ruling 311.02
3. A note from the parent or guardian giving permission to the school nurse, or his/her designated choice, to observe the child taking his/her medication.

Students in grades 6 through 12 may be administered acetaminophen (Tylenol) for pain relief at the discretion of the nurse, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and only with written parent permission.

The school nurse will be responsible for the determination and appropriateness of delegation of medication administration, when necessary, to employees of the Rochester School District. Employees may not further delegate such administration to other staff members, outside agencies or volunteers.

In accordance with RSA 200:42-RSA200:47, a student will be allowed to carry and self administer prescription epi pens and rescue inhalers provided that the prescribing practitioner and parent complete the appropriate medication forms for self administration. The Nursing Supervisor, working with the School Nurse may be required, by necessity, to delegate to a student the self administration of a medication as required by a physician. The appropriate self administration medication forms must be completed and signed by the practitioner and the parent/guardian. A discussion with the parent/guardian and a plan of care and parameters from the medical provider to the school nurse must be furnished so that determination of necessity, management of care and emergency assist can occur. Communication between all parties, as medical needs change, would be the most prudent practice and an expectation within the school environment.

Questions regarding school health policies should be directed to the school nurse through the school office.

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