



Book	MCCSC Policy Manual
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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 (see Form 5330 F1). This document shall be kept on file in the office of the nurse and made available to the persons authorized to administer medication or treatment. The prescription must be in its original container, labeled with the student's name and the exact dosage along with the time it is to be administered to the student. At no time is the school to administer a dosage other than that authorized by the physician's prescription.

Before any non-prescribed medication or treatment may be administered, the Board shall require the prior written consent of the parent (see Form 5330 F1a and Form 5330 F1b). These documents shall be kept in the office of the nurse. 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.

USDA-approved topical, non-aerosol sunscreen products are exempt from this requirement. A school employee may assist in applying the sunscreen with the written permission of the student's parent or guardian. A student may possess and use the above-described sunscreen product while at school and at school events.

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 stored in the health office and administered in accord with this policy. However, if authorization (Form 5330 F3) 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.

The Corporation or a school in the Corporation may fill a prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine and store the auto-injectable epinephrine in a school in the Corporation if a health care provider who is licensed in Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication writes the prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine for the school or Corporation. The school shall store the auto-injectable epinephrine in a safe location in which only school personnel has access.

A school nurse may administer auto-injectable epinephrine obtained via a prescription written for the school or Corporation by a health care provider who is licensed in Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication to any of the following individuals if the individual is demonstrating signs or symptoms of life-threatening anaphylaxis and the individual does not have epinephrine at the school or the individual's prescription is not available:

- A. students at the school
- B. school personnel
- C. visitors at the school

School employees may administer auto-injectable epinephrine obtained via a prescription written for the school or Corporation by a health care provider who is licensed in Indiana and whose scope of practice includes the prescribing of medication if the following are met:

- A. The school employee has voluntarily received training in:
 1. recognizing anaphylaxis;
 2. the proper administration of auto-injectable epinephrine;

by a health care provider who is licensed or certified in Indiana, for whom the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine is within the health care provider's scope of practice, who has received training in the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine, and who is knowledgeable in recognizing the symptoms of anaphylaxis and the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.

- B. The individual to whom the epinephrine is being administered is:
 1. a student at the school;
 2. a member of school personnel; or
 3. a visitor at the school.

Low THC Hemp Extract

Low THC Hemp Indiana law defines "low THC hemp extract" as a product:

1. derived from *Cannabis sativa* L., that meets the definition of industrial hemp;
2. that contains not more than three-tenths percent (0.3%) delta-9-THC (including precursors);
and
3. that contains no other controlled substances.

Prior to school personnel administering a low THC hemp extract substance, in addition to the above requirements, the following criteria must be met:

1. Parent/Guardian has provided the school with written permission to administer the product to his/her child and has verified that the product was acquired from a retailer that meets the requirements of state law;
2. The product is in the original packaging and is UNOPENED;
3. Student's health care provider has provided the school with a prescription to administer the substance which includes the dose, route and time of administration; and
4. The product has been approved by: (1) the federal Food and Drug Administration or the federal Drug Enforcement Agency as a prescription or over the counter drug or (2) meets the packaging requirements of state law.

Low THC hemp extract substance must be in packaging that contains the information required by state law. A school nurse or other trained school personnel will determine if the packaging complies with the law prior to the low THC hemp extract being administered.

Medication that is possessed by a school for administration during school hours or at school functions, for students in grades K-8 may be released only to the student's parent or to an individual who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and who has been designated, in writing, by the student's parent to receive the medication.

A school may send home medication that is possessed by the school for administration during school hours or at school functions with a student in grades 9-12 if the student's parent provides written permission for the student to receive the medication.

The Superintendent shall prepare administrative guidelines, as needed, to address the proper implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: IC 34-30-14
IC 20-33-8-13
IC 20-34-3-18
IC 20-34-3-22
IC 24-4-21
511 IAC 7-36-9