

## **Sedalia # 200 School District Medication and Exclusion Policies**

It is recognized that at the present time, many children are able to attend public school due to the effective use of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities, as well as short and long term illnesses. It is the desire of the school district to have medication administered at home if at all possible. If conditions arise where medications must be administered at school, the following regulations must be complied with:

1. The student's authorized prescriber shall provide a written request that the student be given medication during school hours. The request shall state the name of the student, name of the drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, and the prescriber's name. The diagnosis/indication for use of the medicine shall be provided.
2. The District shall require that a prescription label be properly affixed to the medication. For over the counter medication, a prescriber's written request is required. The label or request must contain the name of the student, name of the drug, dosage, frequency of administration, route of administration, diagnosis and the prescriber's name.
3. A parent/guardian must request in writing that the School District comply with the authorized prescriber's request to give medication. *The District will not administer the initial dose of any medication except in the event of an emergency.*
4. A parent/guardian or other responsible party designated by the parent/guardian will deliver all medication to be administered at school to the school nurse or designee. No medication will be sent home with the student. Parent/guardian or designee must pick up all medications.
5. Students with asthma or any potentially life-threatening respiratory illness may carry with them for self-administration metered-dose inhalers containing "rescue" medication. Possession and self-administration of these prescription medications must comply with the Missouri Safe Schools Act, 1996. The directives of this Act will be given to each parent/guardian who requests that his/her student be permitted to carry and self-administer such medication. A permission form for self-administration is part of this Regulation.
6. It shall be the policy of this District that the District will not knowingly administer any medication to a student if the District's registered professional school nurse believes, in his/her professional judgment, that such administration could cause harm to the student, other students, or the District itself. Such cases may include, but are not necessarily limited to, situations in which the District is being asked to administer medication in a dosage that exceeds the highest recommended dosage listed in the current annual volume of the Physician's Desk Reference or other recognized medical or pharmaceutical text.
7. District employees will be alert for signs of illness such as elevated temperature, that is, a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater; skin rashes; inflamed eyes; vomiting or diarrhea. If a child shows these or other signs of illness, pain or physical distress, the parent/guardian will be notified to pick their child up from school, and possibly be evaluated by their health care provider. Children with communicable diseases should not be allowed to attend school until they are well and fever free for 24 hours. The District will implement disease outbreak control measures in accordance with the provisions of Missouri Department of Health publication PACH-16, "Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases".

