

STUDENT MEDICATION

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Thetford Academy meets the needs of students who may benefit from prescription and non-prescription medications.

II. POLICY

Thetford Academy shall ensure compliance with laws and regulations governing the possession, administration, and storage of prescription and non-prescription medications needed by students at school or during school-sponsored activities. The school shall provide an opportunity for communication with the pupil, parent or guardian, and physician regarding the efficacy of the medication administered during school hours.

III. COMPONENTS OF POLICY

A. Implementation

The Head of School shall direct the school nurse to develop procedures governing the possession, administration and storage of medication needed by any student during the regular school day or during school-sponsored activities. Using state guidelines, the procedures shall comply with the following:

1. Medication may be given by the school nurse, or a person designated and trained by the school nurse, upon written orders from a physician (or other medical prescriber), and upon written request of a student's parent or guardian. The prescriber's orders must detail the name of the drug, dosage, time interval the medication is to be taken, diagnosis, and reason for giving.
2. Medication must be brought to school in a container labeled by the pharmacy or physician and stored by the school nurse (or his or her designee) in a secure storage place.
3. Students with life-threatening allergies or with asthma, whose parents or guardians comply with all of the requirements of Act 175 of 2008, shall be permitted to possess and self-administer emergency medication at school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, on school-provided transportation, and during school-related programs.

B. Non-prescription medication

Non-prescription medication must be accompanied by a written request from the parent or guardian of a student bringing such medication to school. The request must contain assurances that the student has suffered no previous ill effects from the use of this medication. Medication must be left in the custody of the school nurse.

C. Self-administered medication

In the case of medication possessed by students with life-threatening allergies or with asthma, the school shall require parents to submit a form authorizing possession of the medication and releasing the school from liability as a result of any injury arising from the student's self-administration of the emergency medication.

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