

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

USE OF MEDICATIONS

The district shall inform all parents/guardians, students and staff about the policy and procedures governing the administration of medications.

When any medication prescribed for a student is initially brought to school, it shall be the responsibility of the certified school nurse to complete the following:

1. Obtain written permission from the physician and parent/guardian for administration or self-administration of medication, which shall be kept confidential and on file in the office of the school nurse.
2. Review pertinent information with the student and/or parent/guardian, specifically:
 - a. Reason for taking this medication.
 - b. How often and length of time.
 - c. What will happen if medication is not taken or is taken incorrectly?
 - d. Physician comments about the medication.
3. Determine the student's ability to self-administer medication and the need for care and supervision.
4. Observe and evaluate the student's ability to self-administer during the initial administration.
5. Maintain an individual medication log for all students taking medication during school hours. The log shall be kept in a central place and shall include:
 - a. Name of student.
 - b. Name of medication.
 - c. Medication dosage.
 - d. Time of administration.
 - e. Route of administration.
 - f. Signature of student and the monitor of self-administration.
 - g. Initiation and expiration date of drug.

Student Self-Administration

To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:

1. Respond to and visually recognize his/her name.
2. Identify his/her medication.
3. Measure, pour and administer the prescribed dosage.
4. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication.
5. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in all aspects of self-administration.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1402

State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41

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