

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Danbury, Connecticut

POLICY

MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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Policy No. 7-143.1*

A qualified school nurse or, in their absence, qualified school personnel (full time employees who meet requirements as a principal, certified teacher, occupational or physical therapist or in specific circumstances trained in the administration of medication, may, if necessary, administer medicines to students with either chronic or short-term health problems when such medicine is ordered in writing by an authorized prescriber, (licensed physician or licensed dentist, or advanced practice Registered Nurse (APRN) licensed to prescribe in accordance with Section 20-94a, or a physician assistant (PA) licensed to prescribe in accordance with Section 20-12d), or optometrist or podiatrist for interscholastic and intramural events only, and with the written authorization of the parent or guardian of the child.

With the annual written authorization of a student's parents or guardian, and pursuant to the written order of the student's physician licensed to practice medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, or licensed optometrist or licensed podiatrist for interscholastic and intramural events only, a school nurse and a school medical advisor may jointly approve and provide general supervision to an identified school paraprofessional to administer medication, including, but not limited to, medication administered with a cartridge injector, to a specific student with a medically diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt treatment in order to protect the student against serious harm or death.

Students will be allowed to self administer medications only when there is a verified chronic medical condition and the student is deemed capable to self administer prescription medication and there is a written order from an authorized prescriber and with written authorization of the parent or guardian of the child requesting self-administration.

Implementation of this policy is subject to the regulations of the Connecticut State Department of Health and the Danbury Board of Education.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Connecticut General Statutes - 10-212a, 20-94a and 20-12d