



ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Any school employee authorized in writing by the school administrator or school principal:

1. May administer any drug which may lawfully be sold over the counter, without a prescription, to a pupil in compliance with the written instructions of the pupil's parent or guardian, if the pupil's parent or guardian consents in writing.
2. May administer a prescription drug to a pupil in compliance with the written instructions of a practitioner, if the pupil's parent or guardian consents in writing.
3. Is immune from civil liability for his/her acts or omissions in administering a non-prescription drug or prescription drug to a pupil under subd. 1 or 2, unless the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence. This subdivision does not apply to health care professionals.

An asthmatic student may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or dry powder inhaler while in school, at a school-sponsored activity or under the supervision of a school authority. A student may possess and use such an inhaler only if all of the following are true:

1. The student uses the inhaler before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms or uses the inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms.
2. The student has the written approval of the student's physician and if the student is a minor, the written approval of the student's parent/guardian.
3. The student has provided the principal with a copy of the required approval or approvals.

Policy 453.4 Continued:

School bus drivers, school employees or volunteers authorized by state statutes to use an epinephrine auto-injector (Epi pen) to administer epinephrine to any student who appears to be experiencing a severe allergic reaction without liability if, as soon as practicable, he/she reports the allergic reaction by dialing 911 for emergency medical service.

Diagnosis and treatment of illness and the prescribing of drugs are never responsibilities of a school and should not be practiced by any school personnel.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 118.29

Cross Reference: 453.4-Rule, Guidelines for Administering Medication
to Students

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