

Students

Administering Medicines to Students

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school/program dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow SASED's procedures on dispensing medication.

Students may receive prescription and non-prescription medication at school only when the student's parent/guardian has submitted the completed "Authorization for Administration of Medication Form". Medication shall be administered by a licensed nurse (Public Act 095-0639, The Nurse Practice Act). No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering prescribed medication with the exception of diastat which is to be administered by an RN or LPN.

Self-Administration of Medication

A student may possess an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen®) and/or medication prescribed for asthma for immediate use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed a "School Medication Authorization Form." SASED shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication or epinephrine auto-injector or the storage of any medication by school personnel. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless SASED and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector and/or medication, or the storage of any medication by school personnel.

SASED Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

The Executive Director or designee shall implement Section 22-30(f) of the School Code and maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors for use in the Alternative School program at Southeast School in the name of SASED and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Undesignated epinephrine auto-injector* means an epinephrine auto-injector prescribed in the name of SASED or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an anaphylactic reaction.

This section of the policy is void whenever the Executive Director or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for SASED a prescription for undesignated epinephrine auto-injectors from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill SASED's prescription for undesignated school epinephrine auto-injectors. Upon any administration of an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector, the Executive Director or designee(s) must ensure all notifications required by State law and administrative procedures occur.

Upon implementation of this policy, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions as explained in Section 22-30(c) of the School Code apply.

No one, including without limitation parents/guardians of students, should rely on SASSED for the availability of an epinephrine auto-injector. This policy does not guarantee the availability of an epinephrine auto-injector; students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding this medication.

The Building Principal/Program Administrator shall provide a copy of this policy to the parents/guardians of students.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b, 5/10-22.21b, and 5/22-30.

CROSS REF.: 7:285 (Food Allergy Management)

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