

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> MEDICATIONS	<i>Code</i> JLCD
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HOLLISTON

The Holliston School Committee, after consultation with the school physician, adopts this policy relating to: 1) the administration of medication by the school nurse; 2) the carrying of medications and self-medication by students; and 3) the administration of medication by non-licensed personnel, all as described and regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 105 CMR 210.000, The Administration of Prescription Medications in Public and Private Schools; Massachusetts General Law Chapter 71, Section 54B, The Administration of Psychotropic Drug Regulated; Student Use of Asthma Inhalers; and Public Law 108-377 Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2004. This policy and the procedures developed to implement this policy shall be reviewed and revised as needed, with a review by the School Committee occurring at least every two years.

In accordance with 105 CMR 210.000, et seq., the school nurse is hereby designated as the supervisor of the medication administration program in the schools. As such, the school nurse, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, will develop procedures to address, and will be responsible for:

- 1) documenting the administration of medication;
- 2) developing a plan for responding to a medication emergency;
- 3) the medically appropriate and secure storage of medication;
- 4) reporting and documenting any medication errors;
- 5) training any non-licensed personnel who may be delegated to administer medication;
- 6) resolving questions between the school and parents or guardians regarding the administration of medication; and
- 7) disseminating information to parents or guardians.

Following approval by the school nurse, and in accordance with 105 CMR 210, M.G.L. Chapter 71, Sect. 54B, and Public Law 108-377, only students who fall into the following exceptions may self-administer medications:

- 1.) Students with asthma or other respiratory diseases may possess and administer prescription inhalers.
- 2.) Students with cystic fibrosis may possess and administer prescription enzyme supplements.
- 3.) Students with diabetes may possess and administer glucose monitoring tests and insulin delivery systems.
- 4.) Students with life threatening allergies may possess and administer epinephrine auto-injectors.

Information regarding medication policies shall be available to parents or guardians upon request from the school nurse, in accordance with the procedures developed by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. The procedures and forms developed by the school nurse in furtherance of this policy shall be submitted to the School Committee for review and may be appended to this policy.

The School Committee will register with the Department of Public Health in order to permit properly trained school personnel to administer epinephrine by auto injector in a life-threatening situation when a school nurse is not immediately available, as provided in 105 CMR 210.100.

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Legal References:	M.G.L. c 71, s 54B; DPH Regulations 105 CMR 210.00, Public Law 108-377
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Procedure Reference:	