

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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Farrell Area School District

210. USE OF MEDICATIONS

1. Purpose

The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication in accordance with the direction of a parent or family physician to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours.

2. Guidelines

The school nurse may administer prescription medications to students when requested in writing by the legal child care agent or physician. The request shall include the diagnosis, medication, dosage, method of administration, and time to be administered.

In the absence of a written request, the school nurse will obtain verbal instructions by telephone from the student's legal child care agent. The legal child care agent will send in written instructions the next day. Failure to do so will negate the verbal instructions.

The medication shall be delivered to the school nurse by the legal child care agent or other responsible adult or the student.

Medicines will be dispensed only by the school nurse or designee.

The amount of medication to be kept at the school should be based on the length of time the medication is to be administered and on other individual factors.

Medication brought to the school should be in a properly labeled container or sealed envelope along with appropriately written instructions.

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