

## Policy Information

### Series 6000 - Students

#### Prescriptive Medication

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## POLICY

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Students

### SUBJECT: PRESCRIPTIVE MEDICATION

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall not be responsible for the diagnosis or treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication 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 to him/her during school hours. Students with contagious or infectious diseases will not be permitted to remain in school, in accordance with State Law.

For purposes of this policy "medication" shall include only medicines prescribed by a physician.

Prior to dispensing any medication, the school nurse shall be provided with the following:

- a. The written request of the parent or legal guardian which shall give permission for such administration and relieve the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication.
- b. The written order of the prescribing physician which shall include the purpose of the medication, the dosage, the time at which or the special circumstances under which medication shall be administered, the period for which medication is prescribed, and the possible side effects of the medication.

Both documents shall be kept on file by the school nurse.

Medication to be administered by the nurse is to be brought directly to the nurse, must be in the original container, and shall be taken only in the presence of the school nurse.

New York State Bureau of Health Service

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