

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

The Natick School Committee will abide by the law set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (M.G.L. 94C, the Controlled Substances Act) and 105 CMR 210.000, the regulations governing the administration of prescription medication.

No one but the school nurse, and those listed in the medical administration plan acting according to 105 CMR 210.005(E), may administer any medication, including over the counter medications to any student.

In case of an emergency, each school will have access to epinephrine auto-injectors. After an assessment by the school nurse and a life threatening (anaphylaxis) situation exists, s/he will:

- a. Administer the epinephrine auto-injector
- b. Immediately call 911
- c. Follow emergency procedure
- d. Notify student's parent(s) or guardian(s) or any other designated person.

The school district shall, through the district nurse leader, register with the Dept. of Public Health and train personnel in the use of the epinephrine auto-injectors.

The school district, in conjunction with the School Physician and the School Nurse Leader, will stock, at minimum, 2 doses, nasal naloxone (Narcan). Trained medical personnel and first responders may administer nasal naloxone to individuals experiencing a life threatening opiate overdose in a school setting.

Following consultation and planning with the school nurse and consistent with 105 CMR 210.006(B), students with the following 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.
5. All medications must be clearly labeled and stored in original pharmacy or manufacturer labelled containers and in such a manner to render them safe and effective.

Each school nurse may also administer acetaminophen and/or ibuprofen to students in the Natick Public Schools. Administration must be based on a protocol which has been developed in collaboration with Natick's School Physician and includes written parental permission.

Other prescription or nonprescription drugs are prohibited unless written permission is obtained by the student's primary care provider and the medication is administered by the school nurse. Such permission may only be granted upon receipt of clearly convincing medical evidence to the effect that there is no other way of adequately addressing that student's special medical problem.

The School District will follow the state regulations involving documentation of the administration of prescription medications, storage of prescription medications, reporting and documentation of medication errors, and will address the concerns of parents and/or guardians regarding the administration of medications.

LEGAL REF: M.G.L. 71:54B; 94C

Dept. of Public Health Regulations 105 CMR 210.00

Board of Registration in Nursing 244 CMR

REF: Emergency Medication Procedure