

# MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF MEDICATIONS

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210. USE OF MEDICATIONS	
1. Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to enable authorized professional staff to administer prescribed medication and treatment of students in accordance with the written direction of a parent/guardian and 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. Definition	For purposes of this policy, <b>medication</b> shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician, any patent drug, aspirin, Tylenol, cough medications, any other over the counter medications or any other medication approved by the Executive Council through the School Physician’s Standing Orders.
3. Authority SC 510 Title 22 Sec. 12.41	<p>The Executive Council requires that all medication transported from home to school must be delivered to the School Nurse by a parent/guardian in its medication container with patient, prescriber, dosage and medication information as provided from the pharmacy. The medication shall be kept in a controlled location and the contents of the container shall only be dispersed to the student whose name appears on the container.</p> <p>Except in cases of emergency, the only people that shall handle the container shall be licensed registered nurses. Prior to the administration of the medication, the parent/guardian will be submit a Medication Administration Form signed by the prescribing healthcare provider for the student to be administered the medication/medical procedure, including an acknowledgment that the medication would be administered by non-licensed school personnel in the case of an emergency. The non-licensed person shall contact the school nurse to report the emergency incident.</p> <p>A list of non-prescriptive medication to be used in the school shall be submitted by the Administrative Director or designee, annually to the school physician for concurrence and approval.</p>

Student Self-Administration

The Executive Council shall permit students to possess and self-administer prescribed medication and self-administered medical procedures authorized by the parent/guardian and the student's physician, where a delay of the administration would jeopardize the student's health or well-being. This includes medications/medical procedures such as asthma inhalers, blood sugar tests, insulin injections for diabetes, and EpiPen injections for severe allergic reactions.

Before a student may possess or self-administer prescribed medication or procedures, the parent/guardian will provide the School Nurse with written notification acknowledging that the school is not responsible for ensuring the medication is taken and releasing the school and its employees of responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication or self-administered medical procedure, tests and/or medications.

Possession and use by the students of asthma inhalers and all other authorized self-administered medical procedures, tests, and/or medications shall be in accordance with state law and Board policy.

Students with medication needs which require considerations beyond the scope of the policy will be addressed by a school-based team and outlined through a Service Agreement or an IEP with parental and physician agreement.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 1401, 1402, 1409, 1414.1

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41