

Sec. 1. STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

All medications administered to students shall be FDA-approved pharmaceuticals administered within their approved dosage and within standards of acceptable medical regimen. Research pharmaceuticals may be administered if they are a part of a University Institutional Review Board-approved protocol. Intravenous (IV) medications and treatments shall not be administered by Life School personnel.

Sec. 2. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

Life School employees shall not give any student prescription medication, nonprescription medication, herbal substances, or dietary supplements of any type, except as provided below. Employees authorized by the Superintendent or designee may administer to students:

a) *Administering Prescription Medication*

Prescription medication upon written request to administer the medication from the student's parent, guardian, or other person having legal control of the student. When administering prescription medication, the medication must be administered either:

1. From a container that appears to be from the original container and properly labeled; or
2. From a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse from a container that appears to be the original container and to be properly labeled.

All prescription medications shall have been prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States. All medications shall have been manufactured in the United States.

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b) *Administering Nonprescription Medication*

i. Nonprescription Medication Administered upon Parent Request

Nonprescription medication may be administered by authorized Life School personnel upon a parent's written request, when properly labeled and in the original container; or if required by the individualized education program ("IEP") or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities.

ii. Nonprescription Medication Administered by Life School

Authorized Life School personnel may administer nonprescription medication on an emergency basis and consistent with protocols established by Life School's medical adviser (District Nurse) and parent consent given on an emergency treatment form.

c) *Herbal Substances or Dietary Supplements*

Herbal substances or dietary supplements may be administered by authorized Life School personnel **only if** required by the IEP or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities.

d) *Provision of Medication Off-Campus at School-Sponsored Events*

For any Life School student attending a field trip or off-campus school-sponsored event, any prescription medication that Life School is required to administer under this policy shall be sent with the student's teacher or another staff member trained in the proper administration of medication and who has been authorized to administer medication by the Superintendent and/or the Nurse, along with instructions on the administration of the medication.

In addition to trained and authorized Life School teacher(s) and/or nurse(s), a licensed physician in Texas, a registered nurse licensed in Texas, or a vocational nurse licensed in Texas may serve as a Life School volunteer to administer prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with this policy when on field trips and/or off-campus or on school-sponsored events. Prior to being allowed to do so, such individuals must meet with the school nurse for instruction and training on administration of medication for applicable students.

Nonprescription medication(s) generally are not administered by Life School during field trips and/or off-campus or on school-sponsored events.

In the event of an emergency medical situation involving a Life School student for which no Life School employee was previously aware and that occurs during a field trip and/or during an off-campus, school-sponsored event when no school nurse is present, emergency medical services shall immediately be notified by any Life School employee in attendance.

Sec. 3. PSYCHOTROPICS

Except as permitted by Education Code 38.016, a Life School employee shall not:

1. Recommend to a student, parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
2. Suggest a particular diagnosis; or
3. Exclude the student from a class or a school-related activity because of the parent's refusal to consent to psychiatric evaluation or examination or treatment of the student.

Education Code 38.016.