

## **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

The Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools follow the regulations under the Department of Public Health 105 CMR 210:00 The Administration of Prescription Medications in Public and Private Schools.

The licensed/registered school nurses will be the administrators of the medication administration program within the schools. Only licensed/registered school nurses, or student nurses under the supervision of the school nurses, are authorized to administer medication to students, unless they are approved for self-administration. Medications will be administered only during the hours that school is in session. The school nurse shall develop with parents/guardians a medication plan for each student requiring medication administration. Nursing staff shall establish a record-keeping program for each student requiring medication. The school physician and the school nurse leader will provide yearly medication protocols for certain medications to be administered based on nursing assessment.

Students who have been determined by the school nurse to be capable of self-administration of asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors for allergies, cystic fibrosis digestive enzymes, and diabetes mellitus glucose monitoring and insulin administration systems, are allowed to carry and self-administer the above medications after meeting certain criteria established in the medication administration procedures.

Delegation of emergency EpiPen administration and field trip medication administration to unlicensed school personnel will occur following Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations and proper application to the DPH for delegation authority.

REFERENCE: Procedures File: JLCD-R

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 71:54B

Department of Public Health Regulations: 105 CMR 210.00; 244 CMR 3.00

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