

## **453.4 ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS**

Medications should be administered to school children by parents at home whenever possible. School staff will not dispense medications or substances that are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) such as herbal or homeopathic remedies. All medications must be recognized as drugs in the official United States Pharmacopoeia and National Formulary or Official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States. The school nurse and other designated persons may administer medications to students under established procedures. School personnel authorized to administer medications to students shall be provided with appropriate instruction.

Before any prescription medication may be administered to a student in the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District, proper procedures for administering medication to students must be followed. Approved non-prescription medications will be administered only with written parental instructions and consent. However, this policy shall not prohibit the older and reliable high school student from assuming responsibility for self-administration and storage of approved non-prescription products. Approved non-prescription medications may be carried or kept in the student locker in small quantities only. All medications must be in the original labeled container. Students are, under no circumstances, to administer any over-the-counter or prescription medications to other students.

Asthmatic students may possess/use asthma inhalers in accordance with state law and established procedures.

School employees, school volunteers and school bus drivers may administer epinephrine to any student who appears to be experiencing a severe allergic reaction, even in situations when written physician instructions and parent consent are not on file with the District authorizing such medication administration. Such action must be consistent with state law and established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.255 Wisconsin Statutes  
118.29  
118.291  
121.02(1)(g)  
146.81  
448  
PI 8.01 (2)(g), Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 453.4-Rule, Medication Administration Procedures  
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