

EXHIBIT 3

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Policy 3416

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STUDENTS

Administering Medicines to Students

A building principal or other administrator may authorize, in writing, any school employee:

To assist in self-administration of any drug that may lawfully be sold over the counter without a prescription to a student in compliance with the written instructions and with the written consent of a student's parent or guardian, and

To assist in self-administration of a prescription drug to a student in compliance with written instructions of a medical practitioner and with the written consent of a student's parent or guardian.

Except in an emergency situation, only a qualified health care professional may administer a drug or prescription drug to a student under this policy. Diagnosis and treatment of illness and the prescribing of drugs are never the responsibility of a school employee and should not be practiced by any school personnel.

Administering Medication

The Board will permit administration of medication to students in schools in its jurisdiction. A school nurse (who has successfully completed specific training in administration of medication), pursuant to written authorization of a physician or dentist and that of a parent or guardian, may administer medication to any student in the school or may delegate this task pursuant to Montana law.

Emergency Administration of Medication

In case of an anaphylactic reaction or risk of such reaction, a school nurse or delegate may administer emergency oral or injectable medication to any student in need thereof on school grounds, in a school building, or at a school function, according to a standing order of a chief medical advisor or a student's private physician.

In the absence of a school nurse, an administrator or designated staff member exempt from the nurse license requirement under § 37-8-103(1)(c), MCA, who has completed training in administration of medication, may give emergency medication to students orally or by injection. The Board requires that there must be on record a medically diagnosed allergic condition that would require prompt treatment to protect a student from serious harm or death.

A building administrator or school nurse will enter any medication to be administered in an emergency on an individual student medication record and will file it in a student's cumulative health folder.

Self-Administration of Medication

The District will permit students who are able to self-administer specific medication to do so provided that:

A physician or dentist provides a written order for self-administration of said medication;

Written authorization for self-administration of medication from a student's parent or guardian is on file; and

A principal and appropriate teachers are informed that a student is self-administering prescribed medication.

A building principal or school administrator may authorize, in writing, any employee to assist with self-administration of medications, provided that only the following may be employed:

Adopted on:
Revised on: