

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

The policy of the Franklin Public Schools as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 105 CMR, 210.000 "Regulations Governing the Administration of Prescription Medications in Public and Private Schools" is that medication is not to be dispensed without a written order from a licensed physician as described in 105 CMR 210:002 and written parent/guardians consent. This includes over the counter medication and medicinal substitutes such as nutritional supplements. These orders must be renewed as necessary and at the beginning of each academic year. All medications must be in the original container, properly labeled and delivered to the school nurse by a responsible adult (parent/guardian or designee). No more than a thirty (30) day supply will be accepted at one time.

Medication must be retrieved in person by the parent/guardians. Medication will be destroyed if it is not picked up within one week following termination of the order or one week beyond the close of school.

All medications will be stored in a locked cabinet or when required in a locked box in a refrigerator in the nurse's office. All medications shall be dispensed by an R.N. (including on field trips, if the parent is not present) with the exception of inhalers that may be self administered by students, if deemed safe and appropriate by the school nurse, provided a physicians order and written parental permission have been received by the school nurse, in grades 5 through 12. Appropriate school staff shall be notified of medication administration by the school nurse (or student's self administration) with parent/guardians consent, if not in violation of confidentiality. Students are responsible for documenting usage of the inhaler and must report weekly to the school nurse.