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### ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

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- I. Administration of Prescription Medication
  - A. Each school principal shall designate a staff member(s) to administer medications. The staff member(s) at each school shall be trained annually by the registered nurse.
  - B. Administration of prescription medications during school hours is discouraged unless a physician determines that a student's health needs require medication during school hours. The *Code of Student Conduct* shall set forth provisions for administering prescription medications.
  - C. Instructions on using a prescription shall be provided by a physician or described on the medication container provided by the physician or pharmacist.
  - D. All prescription medications shall be delivered to the office/clinic with the following information provided:
    - 1. Diagnosis;
    - 2. Reason for giving;
    - 3. Name and purpose of medication;
    - 4. Time the medication is to be given;
    - 5. Specific instructions on the administration of the medication;
    - 6. Approximate duration of medication;
    - 7. Beginning date - Ending date;
    - 8. Allergies;
    - 9. Side effects;

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10. A note signed by the student's parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, to grant permission for administering the prescription medication;
  11. Medication to be counted with two (2) persons signing.
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- E. First dosage of any new medication shall not be administered during school hours because of the possibility of an allergic reaction.
  - F. Prescription medication, which is kept at school, shall be stored in a secure place under lock and key with the student's name attached. Only authorized staff who administer said medication shall have access to it.
  - G. A student with a special health condition(s) such as asthma, diabetes, pancreatic insufficiency, cystic fibrosis or hypersensitivity may carry prescription medication for emergency situations on self if approved by his/her physician and his/her parent. The approval of the physician and the parent and information regarding the medication required in IV. must be on file in the office/clinic. A student who has permission to self-administer emergency medication may carry the medication on the school bus or at any school related activity. The principal shall notify the bus driver and the transportation department regarding such students.
  - H. A record shall be maintained on each student who receives a prescription medication during school hours, including the time each dose of prescription medication was administered. These records shall be made available daily to the principal and the county health nurse.
  - I. Field Trips - The requirements for the administration of medication while students are away from school property or on official school business shall be the same as those while on school property. All medications including nonprescription medications that are taken on field trips or other official school business must be in the original container. Only trained personnel will administer medication away from the school site except for students who have permission to self-administer emergency medications.
  - J. A student may possess and use a medication regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use to treat and/or

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relieve headaches while on school property or at a school-sponsored event or activity without a physician's note or prescription.

### **II. Administration of Emergency Medication**

#### **A. Epinephrine**

1. Schools may purchase and maintain a supply of epinephrine autoinjectors to use when a student is having an anaphylactic reaction. The medication shall be kept in a secure location accessible only to trained personnel.
2. The School Board shall adopt a protocol, developed by a licensed physician, for the administration of epinephrine in emergency situations.
3. Only school personnel who are trained to recognize an anaphylactic reaction and certified to administer an epinephrine auto-injector or a person who is authorized by an authorized health care practitioner shall be permitted to administer this medication; however, the autoinjector may be given to a student who is authorized to self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector.
4. All schools serving students in K-8 shall provide training to an adequate number of school personnel and contracted personnel on the recognition of an anaphylactic reaction and the administration of epinephrine delivery device.
5. Under the provisions of Florida Statutes, the District trained and certified personnel, or an uncertified person who administers an epinephrine auto-injector, under the authorization of an authorized health care provider, shall not be liable for any injury resulting from the administration of an auto-injector, provided that school personnel were trained or authorized as provided by law, followed the established protocol and believed that the student was having an anaphylactic reaction.
6. For a student in grades K-8 that has an emergency action plan for anaphylaxis, the plan must be accessible at all times when the student is on school grounds, whether during the school day or participating at school in a school-sponsored activities.

- B. Emergency Opioid Antagonist (“EOA”). The School Board recognizes that the opioid epidemic is a public health crisis and access to opioid-related overdose reversal medication can be life-saving. The following protocols

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for the administration of EOA in emergency situations are adopted to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

1. Definitions
  - a. Drug overdose: an acute medical condition, including, but not limited to, severe physical illness, coma, mania, hysteria or death, which is the result of consumption or use of one or more controlled substances causing an adverse reaction.
  - b. Emergency Opioid Antagonist (EOA): is an FDA approved medication that blocks the effects of opioids administered from outside the body and may be obtained, pursuant to state law, to treat individuals who are experiencing, or may be experiencing, an opioid related overdose.
  - c. Opioids are illegal drugs including, but not limited to, heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone (OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet), hydrocodone (Vicodin), fentanyl, hydromorphone (Dilaudid), and buprenorphine.
2. The Superintendent shall adopt Administrative Guidelines governing the procurement, maintenance and use of EOA at school, for use in emergency situations and emergency notification requirements. The Superintendent will consult with a licensed health professional when developing the Administrative Guidelines.
3. The Administrative Guidelines shall:
  - a. Specify the individuals (by position) employed by the School Board who may, in accordance with law, procure EOA;
  - b. Include the physician-established protocol(s), as required by law;
  - c. Identify the location(s) in each school building where EOA shall be stored;
  - d. Specify the conditions under which EOA must be stored, replaced, and disposed of;
  - e. Specify the individuals (by position) employed by or under contract with the School Board, in addition to a licensed school nurse, who are authorized to access and use EOA in emergency situations;
  - f. Specify the training that Board employees or contractors must complete before being authorized to access and administer EOA; and

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- g. Specify that the assistance from an emergency medical service provider (911) must be requested as soon as practicable before or after EOA is administered.
- 4. To the extent provided by law, the Board, its members, employees and contractors shall not be liable civilly for acts or omissions associated with procuring maintaining, accessing, or using EOA in emergency situations as prescribed by this policy and any administrative guidelines.
- 5. Delegation of Responsibility
  - a. The School Medical Director shall provide and annually renew standing order of EOA to students, staff members or other individuals believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity, at which the school nurse or any other individual properly trained to administer EOA is present as permitted by this policy. The standing order shall include at least the following information:
    - i. Type of EOA (intranasal and/or auto-injector)
    - ii. Date of issuance
    - iii. Dosage
    - iv. Signature of the school physician or school Medical Director
  - b. The standing order shall be maintained in the office of the Nurse Supervisor and copies of the standing order shall be kept in each location where EOA is stored.
- 6. Acquisition, Storage and Disposal
  - a. The school nurse(s) shall obtain sufficient supplies of EOA pursuant to the standing order in the same manner as other medical supplies are acquired for the school health program.
  - b. The school nurse or designee shall regularly inventory and refresh EOA stocks, and maintain records thereof, in accordance with Administrative Guidelines, manufacturer's recommendations and any applicable Department of Health guidelines.

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- c. EOA shall be safely stored in accordance with the drug manufacturer's instructions in the school nurse's office or other location(s) designated by the school nurse that is only accessible by the individuals' authorized to administer EOA.
7. Training
- a. School nurses shall be trained in the use of EOA by the Lafayette County Department of Health.
  - b. School Departments are encouraged to send other staff to be trained, including but not limited to coaches, guidance counselors, teachers, etc.
  - c. Training for designated staff shall occur annually prior to the beginning of each school year and throughout the year, as needed.
8. Parent Notification
- a. Prior notice to the parents of a student of the administration of EOA is not required.
  - b. If EOA has been administered to a student, immediately following the administration, the school shall provide notice to the parent/guardian of the student who received EOA.

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