

## **MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION TO STUDENTS**

Medications are given to students in the school setting to continue or maintain a medical therapy which promotes health, prevents disease, and relieves symptoms of illness or aids in diagnosis.

The South Shore School District shall administer medication in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 118.29, 118.291, and Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 8.01 (2)(g). The School District may administer any prescription medication to a student in compliance with the written instruction of a practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian as defined by Wisc. Stat. Ch. 118.29. Administration of nonprescription medication requires the written instruction and consent of the student's parent or guardian. Substances, which are not FDA approved (i.e. natural products, food supplements), will require the written instruction of a practitioner and written consent from the student's parent or guardian. Students with asthma may possess and self-administer a metered dose or dry powder inhaler with the written approval of the student's physician and parent or guardian.

Medication administration may be delegated by the school nurse to any school employee with proper training, supervision, and evaluation as defined in Wisconsin Administrative Code N. 6.091 and DPI training guidance. Determining such individuals will be the joint responsibility of the building administrator and the school nurse. The school employee who is authorized to administer medication is immune from civil liability for his or her acts or omissions in administering medication to a student unless the act or omission constitutes a high degree of negligence. School nurses, as District employees, are regulated by the Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act; therefore, they are not necessarily immune from civil liability for the aforementioned acts or omissions. The South Shore School District administrator who authorizes an employee or volunteer to administer a drug or prescription drug to a student will be immune from civil liability for the action authorized, unless a court determines that the action constitutes a high degree of negligence.

No school employee, except a health care professional, may be required to administer medication to a student by any means other than oral ingestion. Procedures for obtaining and filing written instructions and consents for medication administration, and the protocols for storage, administration, and documentation are delineated in this policy's procedures.

