

POLICY RELATED TO PUPIL SERVICES

DISPENSATION OF OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION

The Burrillville School Department shall ensure the safe administration of over-the-counter medications to students in its schools. Over-the-counter medications are defined as those medications that can be purchased for personal use without a prescription.

When an over-the-counter medication is dispensed in a school building by any person other than a parent or guardian, strict medical protocols must be followed.

In accordance with Rhode Island Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs, a certified school nurse-teacher shall administer medication(s) to students in the Burrillville schools.

A physician's order, which specifies the following, must be obtained and verified prior to administration of over-the-counter medication(s) by a school nurse-teacher.

- the name of the student
- the specific over-the-counter medication
- the specific medical need,
- the dosage
- the predetermined period of time

Written parent permission to administer medication to a student shall accompany the physician's order.

At the end of the predetermined period of time – or at the beginning of each school year - the prescription will expire or will require renewal by both the prescriber and the parent.

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