

## USE OF MEDICATIONS - POLICY 5330

Many students are able to attend school regularly only through effective use of medication in the treatment of disabilities or illnesses that will not hinder the health or welfare of others. If possible, all medication should be given by the parent at home. If this is not possible, it will be done in accordance with the following:

- A. An appropriate person appointed by the building principal will supervise the secure and proper storage and dispensation of medications. The drug must be received in the container in which it was dispensed by the prescribing physician or licensed pharmacist.
- B. Written permission must be received from the parent or guardian of the student, requesting that the School District comply with the physician's order.
- C. The designated individual must receive and retain a statement, which complies with O.R.C. 3313.713 and is signed by the physician who prescribes the drug.
- D. The parent, guardian or other person having care or charge of the student must agree to submit a revised statement signed by the physician who prescribed the drug to the nurse or other designated individual if any of the information originally provided by the physician changes.
- E. No employee who is authorized by a Board of Education to administer a prescribed drug and who has a copy of the most recent physician's statement would be liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug, unless she/he acted in a manner that would constitute "gross negligence or wanton or reckless misconduct."
- F. No person employed by the Board of Education will be required to administer a drug to a student except pursuant to requirements under this policy. The Board of Education shall not require an employee to administer a drug to a student if the employee objects, on the basis of religious convictions, to administering the drug. (Legal Ref. O.R.C. 3313.713, 3313.712, 2305.23, 2305.231)

All dental disease prevention programs, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health and administered by school employees, parents, volunteers, employees of local health districts, or employees of the Ohio Department of Health, which utilize prescription drugs for the prevention of dental disease and which are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Health are exempt from all requirements of this policy. This policy adopted by the Southwest Licking Local Board of Education does not apply to or otherwise regulate conduction of such dental disease prevention programs sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health.

The Superintendent shall prepare regulations and procedures that will provide the implementation of the specific terms of O.R.C. 3313.713.

A copy of the form that we will use to implement this policy is attached. The essential requirements are that the medication be in its original container and that the form with both sides requiring statements from parents and from the prescribing physician be completed and on file at the school your child attends.

When you take your youngster to the doctor, take one of these forms with you and have the physician provide the requested information. When you send the medication to school, the form with both sides completed must accompany that medication. Additional forms will be available in the principal's office in each of our schools. If you or your physician have any questions about these procedures, please call your child's building principal or the district office.

NOTE: Non-prescription drugs will be administered under the same conditions as prescription drugs except no physician's signature is required. For non-prescription drugs, parent will fill in physician's part 1, 2, 3, and 6.

Due to Reyes Syndrome, aspirin will be given only with a physician's order.

(ANY MEDICATION LEFT AT SCHOOL AFTER THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE DISPOSED OF AFTER FIVE DAYS FROM THE LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS.)