

Policy Statement

While the Eastern School Board recognizes the administration of prescribed medication as the primary responsibility of parents/guardians, it does permit the administration of prescribed medication, and/or performance of other medical procedures for students in its jurisdiction, if in the opinion of a practicing physician a student requires medication and/or medical intervention(s) during the school day in order to attend school.

Rationale

From time to time students attending school will require various types of medical services including administration of prescribed medication and/or other medical interventions/services. The types of services may range from treatment for cuts and bruises to providing extensive and often difficult treatment and procedures for students with chronic health issues. The prime responsibility for these latter medical services lies with the Department of Health and Community Services and parents. However, schools have a responsibility to assist in the delivery of these services to students who could not otherwise attend school.

Scope

Teachers, administrators, student assistants and medical personnel will collaborate and cooperate in providing the support necessary to maintain a student in school whose physician certifies that he/she requires administration of prescribed medication and/or medical interventions in order to attend school. School and district personnel will be guided by the procedures herein regarding the administration of prescribed medication and the performance of medical interventions on behalf of a student.

Procedures

- The Administrative Regulations for this policy will be reviewed as deemed necessary by the Director of Education or designate in consultation with the Administrative Council and the regional Administrative Councils.
- When administering medication/performing any type of medical procedure to meet the physical/health needs of a student, employees should refer to the District Handbook entitled **Guidelines and Procedures on Administration of Medications and Medical Interventions.**