

STUDENT MEDICATION

Background

Ideally medications are given to children by their parents and so every effort should be made to set medication administration times outside normal school hours. For instance: medication which is administered three times a day should be given at home (1) before school, (2) after school, and (3) at bedtime.

When administration at home is not possible, Orleans Central Supervisory Union schools will administer medications to students during school hours according to the guidelines below. School nurses and staff will act in compliance with the laws and regulations governing the possession, administration and storage of prescription and non-prescription medications at all times and will not act in a manner that conflicts with professional nursing standards and Vermont's Nurse Practice Act.

Implementation

The Superintendent (or designee) will develop procedures governing the possession, administration and storage of student medication during the regular school day or during school sponsored activities, including the transportation of medications to and from school. OCSU schools will promote communication between the student, parent/guardian, physician, and school personnel regarding the medication's effectiveness.

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