

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: Use of Medications

CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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1. Purpose	The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication in accordance with the directions of a parent or guardian and family physician to and by a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine were not made available during school hours.	5 6 7 8 9 10
2. Definition	For purpose of this policy, “medication” shall include all medicines prescribed by a physician and over the counter preparations.	11 12 13 14
3. Authority	Before any medication may be administered to or by any student during school hours, the Board shall require the written request of the parent or guardian, which shall give permission for such administration and relieve the Board and its employees of liability for administration of medication. A doctor’s note or district form completed by the doctor must be completed.	15 16 17 18 19 20
	All medication must be kept under lock and key by the school nurse. Students may carry inhalers, Epi-pens, or insulin pumps if they provide a signed letter from their physician which authorizes them to do so and attests to their capability and responsibility to self-administer the medications correctly. Students are required to report the use to the school nurse after each administration. A procedure will be developed to institute this policy.	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
	The documents shall be kept on file in the office of the school principal or the school nurse.	28 29 30
	No medications shall be kept by the homeroom teacher. A designee to give medications in the absence of the nurse, i.e. field trips, absence of school nurse, should be identified.	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38