

WESTMORLAND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board Policy No. 5024:      PUPILS TAKING MEDICATION**

- A. Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for the pupil by a licensed physician, may be assisted by a school nurse or other employee designated by the Superintendent only if:
1. The District receives a written statement from the prescribing licensed physician detailing the method, amount and time schedules by which such medication is to be taken; and
  2. The District receives a written statement from the parent/guardian of the pupil specifically requesting that the District assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the physician's statement.

No employee shall assist a pupil to take medication unless this Board Policy is complied with.

- B. Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for the pupil by a licensed physician and who does not seek assistance from the District must file a written statement with the District regarding the need for the pupil to take the prescribed medication at school.
- C. No pupil may carry prescribed medication during the school day, but must give it to the designated employee(s) who will maintain it in a secure place. All such medication must be in clearly identified containers with the following information: pupil's name, physician's name, physician's telephone number, name of medication, warnings about improper use, dosage and schedule for medication.
- D. The parent or legal guardian of any public school pupil on a continuing medication regimen for a nonepisodic condition, shall inform the Superintendent or designee of the medication being taken, the current dosage, and the name of the supervising physician. With the written consent of the parent or legal guardian, the Superintendent or designee may consult with the physician regarding the possible effects of the drug on the child's physical, intellectual, and social behavior, as well as possible behavioral signs and symptoms of the adverse side effects and of omission, or overdose. The Superintendent shall be responsible for informing parents and guardians of the requirements of this paragraph.

Legal Reference:  
Education Code sections 49423, 49480

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