

Administration of Medication

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that, upon the written permission of a student’s physician and parent/guardian, local boards of education should have the prerogative to allow students to self-medicate in life threatening situations. A signed statement from the parent/guardian should be included, releasing the school district from any and all liability and holding the school district harmless for the self-administration of medication. Similarly, a responsible non-staff member should be able to administer medication to a student, provided that the same conditions are satisfied. *[Authority: DA 12/91-7, DA 5/97-SR]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** properly certified school personnel, other than the school nurse, as well as other persons, should be permitted to administer physician-prescribed medication to students on class trips and/or any other school-sponsored activity, including transportation to or from an activity, in life threatening situations with the written permission of the physician and parent/guardian who will include a signed statement from the parent/guardian releasing the school district from any and all liability and holding the school district harmless for the administration of medication. *[Authority: DA 6/93-7, DA 5/97-SR]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that persons, authorized by the parent/guardian and the board of education to administer physician-prescribed medication to students, should be provided with immunity from lawsuits, provided the skill and care given is that ordinarily required and exercised by other such teaching staff members, nurses, educational personnel, medical inspectors, physicians or other officers, agents, or any employees of the board of education or emergency room personnel. *[Authority: DA 6/93-7, DA 5/97-SR, DA 5/02-SR, DA 5/07-SR, DA 5/12-SR, DA 5/17-SR, DA 5/22-SR]*

Administration of Emergency Services

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that New Jersey boards of education should be explicitly granted the statutory authority to adopt policies, in consultation with the school physician and school nurse, that provide appropriate emergency health services training to staff and volunteers as befit anticipated emergency circumstances. *[Authority: DA 05/23]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that immunity from legal process be extended to any staff member or volunteer acting in compliance with said emergency administration policies. *[Authority: DA 05/23]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that the State should provide specific funding for such emergency training. *[Authority: DA 05/23]*

Cross References: 5141 Health
5142 Pupil safety

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