

**RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

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***MEDICATION “SELF CARRY AND SELF-ADMINISTER” POLICY  
FOR OFF SITE SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES  
AND OVERNIGHT TRIPS INCLUDING SPORTS***

**The protocol for secondary level students to self-carry and/or self administer prescription medication, including a controlled substance, shall include the following:**

- All medication is to be stored in its original prescription-labeled container
- A licensed health-care provider’s written order shall be provided for each medication.
- A written parent authorization shall be obtained and verified by the school nurse.
- A student shall be prohibited from sharing, transferring, or in any way diverting his/her own medication(s) to any other person.
- all medication must be brought to the nurse by an adult. Medicine is not to be brought In by a student or transported on the bus.
- No school staff shall be liable for civil damages which may result from acts or omissions, which may constitute ordinary negligence when a student self-carries and/or self-administers his or her own medication(s) in accordance with these rules and regulations.
- Immunity does not apply to gross acts of negligence or willful conduct.

The student, parent, school nurse, and licensed prescribing health care provider must enter into a written agreement that specifies the conditions under which the prescription medication can be self-carried or self-administered. The school director shall be informed of such an agreement.

If the student is deemed unable to demonstrate responsibility to self- carry and self-administer their medication, an agreement will be entered into wherein the school nurse will give a staff member the student’s medication in a locked box. The staff will carry the lock box and will open it at the appropriate time for the student to take out their medication themselves and self-

administer it with staff supervision. A log will be maintained indicating time, witness, dosage, and location administered. Non-nursing staff will not administer medication.

Any student that demonstrates an inability to act in a responsible manner with his or her medication shall have self-carry and self-administer privileges removed immediately.

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**The protocol regarding medication for elementary level students requiring medication while on a school-sponsored activity off-site, including a controlled substance, shall include the following:**

- All medication must be brought to the nurse by an adult. Medicine is not to be brought in by a student or transported to school on the school bus.
- The school nurse, school nurse substitute, or the student's parent will accompany the student on the field trip/ school activity and be responsible for administering the medication. Elementary students will not be permitted to self-administer.
- All medication is to be stored in its original prescription-labeled container
- A licensed health-care provider's written order shall be provided for each medication.
- A written parent authorization shall be obtained and verified by the school nurse.
- A student shall be prohibited from sharing, transferring, or in any way diverting his/her own medication(s) to any other person.