

NYSCSH Guide to Determining Levels of Assistance in Medication Delivery

Levels of Assistance Needed	What the Student Can/Cannot Do	What the Staff Can/Cannot Do
<p>Nurse Dependent Student NYS licensed LPN (under the direction of) or RN/NP, Physician or PA must administer medications.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cannot</p> <p>Demonstrate that they understand about their medication or take it as described in the yellow box below.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Staff May Not Assist Students With Medications</p> <p>An appropriate licensed medical professional (LPN under the direction of, or RN/NP, Physician or PA) authorized to administer medications in NYS must administer all medications to the student.</p>
<p>Supervised Student An RN or other appropriate licensed health professional is not needed for direct monitoring of student taking their own medication.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Can</p> <p>State the name, amount, time and effect of taking/not taking their medication.</p> <p>Recognize what the medication looks like and if/when to refuse to take it and what happens when not taken.</p> <p>Able to swallow, inhale, apply, calculate, take the correct dose of medication, or request /direct an adult to assist them, if needed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Staff Trained By The School Nurse May Assist Students At The Request and Direction Of The Student <u>IF TOLD TO DO SO BY THE STUDENT:</u></p> <p>Trained staff may open bottles; remove the requested number of tablets/ pills or pour the requested amount of liquid for the student who needs help in doing so; assist with BG testing or perform BG testing for the student as requested by student; verify math calculations or verify the numbers entered into insulin meters/devices by the student.</p>
<p>Independent Student Needs staff intervention or assistance only during emergencies.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Can</p> <p>Take (self-administer) their own medications without any assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Must</p> <p>Be permitted to carry take their rescue medications for respiratory conditions, allergies or diabetes if there is written parent consent and a provider’s written order attesting the provider has determined the student can self- administer effectively.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Assistance Is Needed From School Staff</p> <p>The student either takes medication independently in the health office (after being handed the medication container by school staff) or carries and uses it with the required documentation.</p> <p>If a student has an attestation to self-carry, self-administer, medication administration is not documented by the school and the parent/guardian assumes responsibility for ensuring their child is taking the medication as ordered.</p> <p>Schools should have a written care plan which instructs students how to obtain help from school personnel if needed. Schools should have additional doses of medication in the health office in case the student who is carrying and using their medication(s) does not have access to their self-carried medication.</p>

*Requests for use of non-FDA sanctioned medicines including but not limited to, herbal remedies, essential oils, dietary supplements, naturopathic or holistic medicines, and natural products, or non-FDA sanctioned devices or combination of devices do not need to be honored by a school district or school nurse.