

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
Middletown Springs Town School District
Tinmouth Town School District**

**Ira Town School District
Poultney Town School District
Wells Town School District**

Student Medication

Code # F-6

Policy

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts shall have procedures in place to ensure compliance with laws and regulations governing the possession, administration and storage of prescription and non-prescription medications needed by students at school or during school sponsored activities.

Implementation

The Superintendent (or designee) will develop procedures governing the possession, administration and storage of medication needed by any student during the regular school day or during school sponsored activities. The procedures will comply with the following:

1. Medication may be given by the school nurse, or a person designated and trained by the school nurse, upon written orders from a physician, and upon written request of a student's parent or guardian that the School District comply with the physician's order. The physician's orders must detail the name of the drug, dosage, time interval the medication is to be taken, diagnosis and reason for giving.
2. Medication must be brought to school in a container labeled by the pharmacy or physician and stored by the school nurse or his or her designee in a secure storage place.
3. Students with life threatening allergies or with asthma, whose parents or guardians comply with all of the requirements of Act 175 of 2008, shall be permitted to possess and self-administer emergency medication at school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored activities, on school-provided transportation, and during school-related programs.¹

Non-prescription medication must be accompanied by a written request from the parent or guardian of a student bringing such medication to school. The request must contain assurances that the student has suffered no previous ill effects from the use of medication. Medication must be left in the custody of the school nurse or designee.

The school shall provide an opportunity for communication with the pupil, parent or guardian, and physician regarding the efficacy of the medication administered during school hours. In the case of medication possessed by students with life threatening allergies or with asthma, the school shall provide forms for parents to submit authorizing possession of the medication and releasing the school from liability as a result of any injury arising from the student's self-administration of the emergency medication.²

Legal Reference: Act 174 of 2008
 16 V.S.A. §1387

	Date Adopted	Replaces Policy
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union	7/25/11	
Ira Town School District	See RSWSU	None
Middletown Springs Town School District	6/16/11	Prescription Medication 12/6/94
Poultney Town School District	4/5/11	Prescription Medication 8/9/94
Tinmouth Town School District	3/28/11	Prescription Medication 8/22/96
Wells Town School District	4/6/11	Medication in Schools 8/11/94 & Delegation 7/18/95