

1 **LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY**

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3 **MEDICATION POLICY**

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16 I. The Lexington Public Schools (LPS) follows regulations under the Massachusetts
17 Department of Public Health 105 CMR 210.000: THE ADMINISTRATION OF
18 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS and the
19 Massachusetts Department Board of Registration of Nursing regulations. The LPS
20 physician and the LPS nurse leader shall supervise the medication administration program
21 and develop and oversee procedures to administer such a program. Nursing staff shall
22 establish a record-keeping program for each student requiring medication.
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24 II. The school nurse shall develop with parents/guardians a medication administration plan for
25 each student requiring such medication administration. Provision for medication
26 administration during field trips and other short-term special school events shall be a part of
27 the plan. Nurses will not delegate medication administration for out-of-state field trips.
28 Epinephrine is administered only in accordance with a written medication administration
29 plan developed by the school nurse and updated annually.
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31 III. A student may be responsible for self-administration of his or her own medication upon
32 meeting certain requirements established by procedures in (I).
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34 IV. Alternative therapies such as homeopathic, herbal, and nutritional supplements will only be
35 administered when there is a written order from a Massachusetts licensed prescriber who is
36 caring for the student. The school nurse may not administer any type of regimen if it is not
37 approved by the FDA, in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act and 105 CMR 210.000.
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39 V. Medication errors – Failure to administer medication according to the prescribed order will
40 be reported to the parent and the LPS nurse leader as procedure established in (I).
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