



## Policy Manual - Students - Miscellaneous

### S.M.20 Administration of Prescribed Medication

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*The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the mode*

#### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

In accordance with Ministry of Education Policy / Program Memorandum No. 81- *Provision of Health Supports in School Settings, 1984* where a student has been prescribed medication by a physician or nurse practitioner and the medication must be taken **during school hours and/or during related activities and the parent/guardian of the student and/or the adult student has given informed, written consent**, the principal/designate shall supervise the administration of the medication.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is aware that some students who attend its schools require the administration of prescribed medication during school hours **and/or during school related activities** in order to successfully access the curriculum.

In addressing the needs of students who are required to take prescribed medications during school hours, the Board shall make every reasonable effort to:

- support students to fully access school in a safe, accepting and healthy learning environment which enhances their mental, physical and spiritual well-being; and,
- empower students, as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition;
- **ensure the school board personnel are aware of which students within the school population require prescription medication, subject to parent/guardian and adult consent; and,**
- **outline the procedures necessary to intervene effectively in the event that a student reacts to his/her prescribed medication.**

In the case of a prescription for medical cannabis, only cannabis oils, capsules or edibles may be administered on school premises. In accordance with the Smoke - Free Ontario Act, 2017, the smoking or vaping of medical cannabis is prohibited.

#### **Responsibility**

##### **School Principals and Superintendent of Student Well-Being**

**Regulations:**

Cannabis Act, 2017.

College of Nurses of Ontario - Practice Standard, Nurse Practitioner, 2018.

Education Act, 1990

Subsection 1. (1) - Interpretation, Other General Matters- School Site.

Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017.

Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum No. 81 - Provision of Health Supports in School Settings, 1984.

**Related Policies**

B.B. 05 Cannabis, Tobacco and Smoke - Free Schools

**S.M. 11. Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis Awareness)**

**S.M. 12 Asthma**

**S.M.18 Diabetes**

**S.M. 19 Epilepsy**

**Related Board Committee:** Committee of the Whole

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