

Medication Administration: School Nurse Scope of Practice



Define/Describe the medication administration activity/task

The Education Law & Rules:
 ORC 3313.713: School Board authorization for medication administration

School Board Policy:
 Review the specific district policy

The Nurse Practice Act (the Law & Rules):
 ORC 4723.01(B): practice as an RN
 ORC 4723.32: exceptions from licensing
 OAC 4723-1 to 4723-27

Is the medication administration activity/task permitted under applicable law and policy in the school setting?

Legality

Note: Emergency Situations - An unlicensed person may perform nursing tasks in an emergency situation ORC 4723.32 (D).

NO

YES

School Board Policy designates unlicensed person to administer meds

School Board Policy designates nurse to administer meds

Competency

Unlicensed person may administer medications according to School Board Policy
No Nurse delegation involved

Can the nurse perform the medication activity/task and meet the standards of safe nursing practice as defined in OAC 4723-4?
 Can the nurse demonstrate and document current knowledge, skills and abilities?

NO

YES

Safety

The School Nurse may provide training for safe medication administration

Is this medication activity/task safe and appropriate to perform/delegate with this student at this time?

NO

YES

YES

Nurse Delegation:
 Are the standards set forth in OAC 4723-13 met?

NO

YES

STOP
 Do Not Perform/ Delegate

The nurse may perform/delegate the medication activity/task according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care and accept accountability for the nursing actions.

Non-Medication Related Nursing Tasks: School Nurse's Scope of Practice



Legality

Note: Emergency Situations - An unlicensed person may perform nursing tasks in an emergency situation ORC 4723.32 (D).

Define/Describe the activity/task

Is the activity or task within the scope of practice of the nurse and NOT prohibited or precluded by any other law or rule?

The Nurse Practice Act (the Law & Rules):
 ORC 4723.01(B): practice as an RN
 ORC 4723.32: exceptions from licensing
 OAC 4723-1 to 4723-27

YES

NO

Competency

Can the nurse perform the activity or task and meet the standards of safe nursing practice as defined in OAC 4723-4?
 Can the nurse demonstrate and document current knowledge, skills and abilities?

NO

YES

Safety

YES

Is this activity or task safe and appropriate to perform/delegate with this student at this time?

NO

YES

YES

NURSE DELEGATION:
 Are the standards set forth in OAC 4723-13 met?

NO

Accountability

The nurse may perform/delegate the activity/task according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care and accept accountability for the nursing actions.

STOP
 Do Not perform/delegate