Swann Special Care Center Elementary School

Policy Regarding the Administration of Medication

Swann Special Care Center Elementary School is a facility for children with severe/profound multiple disabilities. Many of these children have severe health concerns requiring twenty-four hour nursing care.

- 1. All medications given in school shall be prescribed by a licensed prescriber on an individual basis as determined by the child's health status. Medications must be stored in a separate locked area. Medications requiring refrigeration should be refrigerated in a secure area.
- 2. The licensed nursing staff will administer medications.
- 3. The director of nursing will supervise the administration of medication.
- 4. Each dose of medication will be documented in the child's individual health record. Documentation shall include date, time, dosage and the signature or initials of the nurse administering the medication.
- 5. Effectiveness and side effects will be assessed with each administration and documented as necessary in the child's individual health record. Documentation for effects for long-term medications should be summarized monthly as determined by the director of nursing.
- 6. Written feedback regarding medication will be given to the licensed prescriber and the parent/guardian at least yearly for long-term medication, or as requested by the licensed prescriber.
- 7. Parents and guardians are also notified annually of the policy regarding the administration of medication.
- 8. As a part of this Administration of Medication policy, Swann Elementary School will adhere to the requirements in 105 ILCS 5/22-30 and 23 Administrative Code 1.540 regarding undesignated emergency medications.
- 9. As a part of this Administration of Medication policy, Swann Elementary School will adhere to the requirements in 105 ILCS 5/10-22.21b regarding the self-administration of medications.
- 10. As a part of this Administration of Medication policy, Swann Elementary School will adhere to the requirements in 225 ILCS 65/50-75(b) regarding nursing delegation.