Medication Administration: School Nurse Scope of Practice

Define/Describe the medication administration activity/task

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

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

Legality

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

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?

Safety

The School Nurse may provide training for safe medication administration

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.

Accountability

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

STOP
Do Not Perform/Delegate

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

**Legality**

- **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

  **NO**

**NO**

**YES**

**Safety**

- **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**

**NO**

**YES**

**Accountability**

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

  **NO**

**NO**

**YES**

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

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