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ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS POLICY

Mission

The Academy's mission is to help all students grow into college ready, exemplary citizens by combining academic mastery with personal empowerment to drive lifelong success. We serve our full community by intentionally developing a school culture that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines on how Academy staff will or will not administer medications to students.

Administering Medications to Students

School personnel shall not administer prescription or nonprescription medication to students unless appropriate administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours. Medication may be administered to students by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of administering such medication.

Definitions and Procedures

For purposes of this policy, the term "medication" includes both prescription medication and nonprescription medication. The term "nonprescription medication" includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications, homeopathic and herbal medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements, and topical applications.

Medication may be administered to students only when the following requirements are met:

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1. A parent or guardian has made a request in writing to the school's health office for The Academy to administer the medication.
2. The medication cannot reasonably be administered outside school hours.
3. The registered nurse has reviewed the parental/guardian request, along with the Colorado Health Care Provider's recommendations and approves or denies the request.
4. If approved the Medication Administration Plan is signed by the parent/guardian and the health care provider.
5. Prescription medication is kept in the original properly labeled container with the student's name, name of the medication, dosage, how often it is to be administered, name of the prescribing health care practitioner, and current date printed on the container.
6. Nonprescription medication is kept in the original properly labeled container and accompanied by a Medication Administration Plan signed by the parent/guardian and the health care provider.
7. The parent/guardian shall be responsible for providing all medication to be administered to the student.

Student's prescribed medications should be kept in the Health Office, with the exception of some rescue medications. Colorado law (C.R.S.22-1-119 Education Law, General Provisions) provides immunity to any school employee who administers any medication to a student in accordance with written instructions from a parent/guardian if there is an adverse reaction suffered by the student as a result of administering such medication.

Self-Administration of Medication for Asthma, Allergies or Anaphylaxis

A student with asthma, a food allergy, other severe allergies, or a related, life-threatening condition may possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition. Self-administration of such medication may occur during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. A parent or guardian shall issue a request for their student to self-administer medication to the principal.

Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or other related, life-threatening condition shall be granted by the registered nurse and authorization may be limited or revoked by the school principal after consultation with the school nurse and the student's parent/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication.

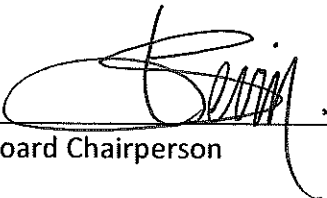
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Use of Opiate Antagonists in Emergency Situations

To the extent state funding and supplies are available, The Academy shall have a stock supply of opiate antagonists to assist a student who is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose event. For purposes of this policy, an opiate antagonist means naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting drug that is not a controlled substance and that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of a drug overdose. The stock supply of opiate antagonists may also be used to assist a school employee or any other person who is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose event. Administration of an opiate antagonist by a school employee to a student or any other person shall be in accordance with applicable state law.

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The Board of Directors at The Academy approved the Administering Medications to Students Policy on Monday, April 24, 2023.



Board Chairperson

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Date

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