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Administration of Medical Marijuana Policy

The Academy strives to honor families' private medical decisions while ensuring a learning environment free of disruption. Prescription medications, including medical marijuana, should only be administered to students in accordance with this policy, on school property during school hours, or during school sponsored activities, when administration is medically necessary and cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of these specified times and places.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Permissible form of medical marijuana" means a product infused with medical marijuana that is intended for use or consumption other than by smoking, including but not limited to edible products, ointments, and tinctures. Marijuana intended for use or consumption through smoking or vaping, concentrated marijuana (including hashish, wax, and shatter) are not considered medical marijuana and are prohibited. Forms of medical marijuana not included in this definition may be proposed by the qualified student's parent/guardian to the school health office, who may authorize such a request after consultation with others including appropriate medical personnel chosen by the school.
2. "Primary caregiver" means the qualified student's parent, guardian or other responsible adult over eighteen years of age who is identified by the student's parent/guardian as the qualified student's primary caregiver. In no event shall another student be recognized as a primary caregiver. Any primary caregiver seeking access to school or district property, a school bus or school-sponsored event for purposes of this policy must comply with the Board's policy and/or procedures concerning visitors to schools and all other applicable policies.
3. "Medical professional" means an individual licensed under article 36 or article 38 of title 12, C.R.S.
4. "Marijuana consumer waste" means any component left after the consumption of a regulated marijuana product, including but not limited to containers, packages, cartridges, pods, cups, batteries, all-in-one disposable devices, and any other waste component left after the regulated marijuana is consumed.
5. "Volunteer" means a school staff member that volunteers at their own discretion to administer a permissible form of medical marijuana to the qualified student in compliance with this policy and the written plan developed by The Academy.
6. "Qualified student" means a student who holds a valid registration from the state of Colorado (license issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) for the use of medical marijuana and for whom the administration of medical marijuana cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours. A qualified student's primary caregiver may administer a permissible form of medical marijuana to a qualified student if all of the following parameters are met:

- a) The qualified student's parent/guardian provides the school with a copy of the student's valid registration from the state of Colorado authorizing the student to receive medical marijuana;
- b) The qualified student's parent/guardian or primary caregiver provides the permissible form of medical marijuana;
- c) The qualified student's parent/guardian signs a written acknowledgement assuming all responsibility for the provision, administration, and use of medical marijuana, and may also grant permission for a volunteer to store, administer, or assist in the administration of medical marijuana. This written acknowledgment must also release The Academy, including any volunteer, from liability for any injury that may occur pursuant to this policy;
 - i. The Academy determines, in its sole discretion: that a location and a method of administration are available that do not create risk of disruption to the educational environment or exposure to other students; and,
 - ii. if needed, the location of a locked storage container to store the medical marijuana that does not significantly delay access to or the administration of the medical marijuana in a medical emergency, or the primary caregiver may remove any remaining medical marijuana;
- a) The Academy prepares, with the input of the qualified student's parent/guardian, a written "Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students Plan" describing:
 - i. the valid registration for the State of Colorado for the use of Medical Marijuana,
 - ii. the Medical Marijuana product and dose prescribed,
 - iii. copy of physician certification,
 - iv. the side effects of the product, or the reason the product is necessary for the Qualified Student,
 - v. the specified time and frequency of administration,
 - vi. name, DOB, and copy of identification of all requested persons to administer
Caregiver names listed on the Medical Marijuana Registry Card,
 - vii. a statement that the Medical Marijuana product cannot be administered exclusively outside of school hours, and
 - viii. an explanation of why the Medical Marijuana product cannot be administered exclusively outside of school hours.

The Written Plan shall be signed by the school administrator, the qualified student (as appropriate) and the qualified student's parent/guardian.

1. The school may determine, at its sole discretion, whether a location or method of administration of Medical Marijuana products is available that does not create a disruption to the learning environment or cause exposure to other students. The school may also determine, at its sole discretion, whether the continued use of the Medical Marijuana product disrupts the learning environment or causes exposure to other students. If the school determines that the Medical Marijuana product creates a disruption or causes exposure, the school shall consider alternative arrangements.

2. If at any time dosage amounts or times must change, the Guardian must request to alter/revise the Written Plan prior to implementing changes.

This policy conveys no right to any student or to the student's parents/guardians or other primary caregiver to demand access to any general or particular location to administer medical marijuana.

All school staff members have the sole discretion to decide if they personally want to volunteer to administer medical marijuana. No individual will pressure, demand, direct, threaten or attempt to require a school employee to volunteer to administer medical marijuana. If the designated volunteer(s) identified in the written plan is unavailable to administer the medical marijuana to the qualified student, The Academy will notify the parent/guardian, but is not obligated to provide a substitute.

Nurses have the same rights as other staff members to exercise sole discretion to decide if they personally want to volunteer to administer or store medical marijuana. Volunteers will not be delegated under a nurse's license to carry, administer, direct, or assist in the administration of the medical marijuana.

Permission to administer medical marijuana to a qualified student may be limited or revoked due to violations of this policy. If this occurs, the parent/guardian must remove the medical marijuana and any consumer waste from school property or The Academy will dispose of it in accordance with law and school protocols.

Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of marijuana inconsistent with this policy may be considered a violation of Board policy and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences

If the federal government indicates that The Academy's federal funds are jeopardized by this policy, the Board declares that this policy shall be suspended immediately and that the administration of any form of medical marijuana to qualified students on school property, on a school bus or at a school- sponsored event shall not be permitted. If this occurs, The Academy shall post notice of such policy suspension and prohibition in a conspicuous place on its website.

References

The Board of Directors at The Academy approved the Administration of Medical Marijuana Policy on Monday, June 12, 2023.



Board Chairperson



Date