

# MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Medication Administration Policy

### General Information Concerning Medication Administration

Medicine or drugs will only be administered in a school facility, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity under the following conditions:

- A licensed physician or dentist has given written permission and instructions for the administration of all prescription medicine or drugs and all "over-the-counter" or non-prescription drugs, i.e., lotions, creams, pain medication, vitamins, medicated cough drops, etc. that require dosing not congruent with dosing instructions on manufacturer packaging. The prescription or written directions from the physician or dentist must be dated, include patient's name and date of birth, identify the medicine or drug to be administered, the dosage to be administered, the time of day for each administration, and the anticipated number of days to be administered.
- A parent/guardian has given written permission for administration of the medicine or drug.
- The original container must accompany all medicine or drugs; two (2) containers, one (1) for home and one (1) for school, may be requested from a pharmacist.
- Any change in the type of medicine/drug, dosage, and/or time of administration must be accompanied by a new physician/dentist and parent/guardian and a newly labeled container.

### Student Self-Administration of Medications (for anaphylaxis or asthma)

The self-administration of medication is allowed for eligible students in grades K–12. As used in this policy, medication is defined as a medicine for the treatment of anaphylaxis or asthma including, but not limited to, any medicine defined in current federal regulation as an inhaled bronchodilator or auto-injectable epinephrine. Self-administration is the student's discretionary use of an approved medication for which the student has a prescription or written direction from a health care provider. As used in this policy, a health care provider must be a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery; an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a licensed physician assistant who has authority to prescribe drugs under the supervision of a responsible physician. An eligible student shall meet all the following requirements:

- A written statement from the student's health care provider stating the name and purpose of the medication/s, the prescribed dosage, the time the medication is to be regularly administered, the length of time for which the medication is prescribed, and any additional special circumstances under which the medication is to be administered;
- The health care provider shall prepare a written treatment plan for managing the student's asthma or anaphylaxis episodes and for medication use by the student during school hours. The student's parent or guardian shall annually complete and submit to the school any written documentation required by the school, including the treatment plan prepared by the student's health care provider. Permission forms shall be updated during enrollment and/or upon request.
- The student shall also demonstrate to the health care provider or the provider's designee and the school nurse or the nurse's designee the skill level necessary to use the medication and any device that is necessary to administer the medication as prescribed. In the absence of a school nurse, the school shall designate a person who is trained to witness the demonstration.
- The student's parent or guardian shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school district and its officers, employees or agents incur no liability for damage, injury or death resulting directly or indirectly from the self-administration of medication and agreeing to release, indemnify and hold the school and its officers, employees and agents, harmless from and against any claims relating to the self administration of medication allowed by this policy. The parent or guardian of the student shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school incurs no liability for any injury resulting from the self-administration of medication and agreeing to indemnify and hold the school, and its employees and agents, harmless against any claims relating to the self-administration of such medication.
- The appropriate form is completed and on file in the student's health record.

### **Student Self-Administration of Medications (not for anaphylaxis or asthma)**

With the proper form completed by parents and filed in the health office, *only those students in grades 6 through 12*, may carry and take their own prescription medication *unless* the health care provider specifically orders the medication to be administered through the health room or the medication is a controlled drug (such as ADHA medications and narcotic pain medications, which must be kept in a locked area of the office or health room and administered by the nurse or the designee. As used in

this policy, a health care provider must be a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery; an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a licensed physician assistant who has authority to prescribe drugs under the supervision of a responsible physician. An eligible student shall meet all the following requirements:

- Medication is to be carried in prescription bottles with the name of the medication and directions attached.
- Students with chronic conditions should have a record of medications on file in the health room.
- Common over-the-counter medication for minor discomforts (Tylenol, Midol, Advil) may be carried by the student with parental permission.
- The student should carry what is needed for that day and it should be carried in the original container that is clearly marked.
- Students are prohibited from sharing any medications with another student.
- The principal will have final authority to revoke medication privileges.
- The appropriate forms are completed and on file in the student's health record:

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“But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles.  
They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31