



POLICY: ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS TO STUDENTS

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This policy ensures that Siembra Leadership High School complies with New Mexico state law regarding the possession, storage, and administration of medical cannabis to qualified students in a school setting.

Background While the preferred method is for medical cannabis to be administered at home, situations may arise when it is necessary during school hours. Siembra Leadership High School does not authorize school personnel to store, possess, or administer cannabis due to federal restrictions. Only parents or legal guardians may administer cannabis to qualified students on campus.

Definitions

- **Certifying Practitioner:** Licensed New Mexico healthcare provider recommending cannabis for a debilitating condition.
- **Debilitating Medical Condition:** Includes conditions such as cancer, glaucoma, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, and others as approved by the NM Department of Health.
- **Designated School Personnel:** School employees authorized to assist under state guidelines (though not designated at Siembra).
- **Medical Cannabis:** A cannabis product approved for use under NM law, not to include any smoked, aerosol, food/beverage, topical, or refrigerated forms.
- **Primary Caregiver:** Parent or legal guardian.
- **Qualified Student:** A student with current enrollment in the NM Medical Cannabis Program and valid certification.
- **School Setting:** Includes school buildings, buses, and sites of school-sponsored events.
- **Written Certification:** Documentation by a practitioner verifying the medical condition and need for cannabis.
- **Written Treatment Plan:** Signed plan developed by caregiver and practitioner, detailing dosage and administration schedule.





Policy Position A. Siembra permits parents or guardians to administer medical cannabis to qualified students in the school setting, provided that:

- The student does not self-administer.
- Administration does not disrupt learning or expose others.
- A treatment plan is signed by the head administrator and the caregiver.
- Documentation, including written certification and liability waiver, is provided.

B. The school shall not:

- Discipline qualified students for lawful cannabis use.
- Deny enrollment or participation due to medical cannabis needs.
- Discipline employees who decline to administer cannabis.

C. If federal funding is threatened due to this policy, it will be immediately suspended, and cannabis administration on school property will cease. A notice will be posted on the school website. Appeals may be made to the Public Education Department.

D. The school will provide annual training on all medication policies, including those related to medical cannabis.

E. The head administrator shall develop and enforce procedures related to this policy.

This policy ensures compliance with state medical cannabis laws while maintaining a safe and legally compliant educational environment.

