



Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to authorize personnel of Valley Academy ("school") to administer physician prescribed medications to students, with written parental approval, consistent with applicable law.

The school's governing board ("board") acknowledges that medication should typically be administered by the student's parent or guardian. However, the board recognizes that situations may arise where the health of a student may require administration of medication during the course of a school day by school personnel.

As long as authorized personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner, Utah law provides that school personnel who provide assistance in substantial compliance with a student's licensed health care provider's written statement are not liable civilly or criminally for any adverse reaction suffered by the student as a result of taking the medication or discontinuing the administration of medication. This policy will help ensure that school personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner in order to protect the health of students and the interests of Valley Academy.

The board also desires to set forth policies regarding acceptable self-administration of medication by older students.

Policy

Administration of Medication by School Personnel

The school will comply with applicable state and federal laws regarding the administration of medication to students by school personnel. Accordingly, pursuant to this policy, authorized school personnel may provide assistance in the administration of medication to students of the school during periods when the student is under the school's control.

Administration will consult with the local health department and/or a registered health care professional for assistance in developing procedures and training necessary for effective implementation of this policy. The school's director will ensure that school personnel and parents are provided with information about this policy.

In order to ensure safe administration of medication to students, the procedures outlined here must be followed.

(1) The director will designate a reasonable number of school employees who will be responsible for administering medication to students in the School.

(2) The student's parent or guardian must complete the parent/guardian section of the Student Medication Form requesting that medication be administered to the student during regular school hours. Parents are responsible for updating the Student Medication Form as necessary.

(3) The student's health care provider must complete the Health Care Provider section of the Student Medication Form indicating the child's name, the name of the medication, the purpose of the medication, the means of administration, the dosage, the time schedule for administration, the anticipated number of days the medication needs to be given at school, and possible side effects. The practitioner must also affirm that giving the medication during school hours is medically necessary.

(4) A Student Medication Log must be maintained for any student who has medication administered at school, and all employees authorized to administer medication will be notified regarding each student to whom they are authorized to administer medication.

(5) Each time medication is given, the person who gave it must document the administration in ink on the Student Medication Log. If the medication is not administered as scheduled, a notation must be made on the Student Medication Log as to why the medication was not given, and the student's parent or guardian must be notified.

(6) The Student Medication Form and Student Medication Log will be retained in the student's records.

(7) Teachers of the student receiving medication during school hours will be notified.

(8) Medication (other than that carried by a student) must be delivered to the school by the student's parent or guardian or designated adult.

(9) Medication should be delivered to the School in a container properly labeled by a pharmacy, manufacturer or health care provider. Labeling must include the student's name, the name of the prescribing practitioner, date the prescription was filled, name and phone number of the dispensing pharmacy, name of the medication, dose, frequency of administration, and the expiration date.

(10) Medication must be stored in a secure, locked cabinet or container in a cool, dry place, except that:

a: medications that require refrigeration must be stored appropriately

b. insulin or emergency medications such as EpiPens, Twinject Auto-Injectors, asthma inhalers and glucagon must not be stored in a locked area so that they are available when needed.

(11) Authorization for administration of medication by School personnel may be withdrawn by the School at any time following written or verbal notice to the student's parent or guardian, as long as this action does not conflict with federal laws such as IDEA and/or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The director may withdraw authorization for administration of medication in cases of noncompliance or lack of cooperation by parents or students unless the student's right to receive medication at school is protected by laws such as IDEA or section 504.

Glucagon is an emergency diabetic medication used to raise blood sugar. The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann.§ 53A-11-604 in the event the School receives a glucagon authorization request from the parent or guardian of a student.

The School will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann.§§ 26-41-101, et seq., regarding emergency injection of patient's prescribed medication for anaphylactic reactions, in the event any School personnel seeks to become a "qualified adult" under that provision.

Self-Administration of Medication by Students

Students may possess and self-administer asthma medication and/or diabetes medication, as the case may be, if:

- (1) The student's parent or guardian signs a statement:
 - a. Authorizing the student to self-administer the medication; and
 - b. Acknowledging that the student is responsible for, and capable of, self-administering the medication; and

- (2) The student's health care provider provides a written statement that:
 - a. It is medically appropriate for the student to self-administer the medication and be in possession of the medication at all times; and
 - b. The name of the medication prescribed for the student's use. The School

will provide an acceptable form for such requests.

Students are not prohibited from possessing one day's dosage of a non-prescription medication where the student's maturity level is such that he or she can reasonably be expected to properly administer the medication on his or her own.

Medical Recommendations by School Personnel

The Principal will ensure that appropriate School personnel receive training on the provisions of Utah Code Ann.§ 53A-11-605.

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Board President Signature

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Date