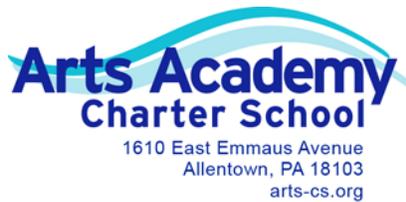


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Board Policy 2.2

Possession, Use and Administration of Medications

The Board shall permit the administration of prescribed medications in accordance with the written direction of a parent/guardian and a licensed health care provider during school hours.

The Board shall not be responsible for the diagnosis of illness or the prescription of treatment for student illnesses.

Medications shall be given only when:

1. Failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health, safety, or education of the student.
2. The student would not be able to fully participate in school if the medicine were not made available during school hours.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, medication shall include prescription and nonprescription drugs, remedies or pharmaceutical products (including herbal substances, performance enhancers, and nutritional supplements) as prescribed by a licensed health care provider.

A licensed health care provider shall include a physician, dentist, or a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP). Written directions from a CRNP for controlled substances must be cosigned by a physician or a dentist.

Authority

The Board shall require the written request of the parent/guardian and licensed health care provider. This documentation shall give permission for such administration and relieve the Board and its employees of liability for the administration of medication.

The document(s) shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse.

These policies and procedures shall be in accordance with the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

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Delegation of Responsibility

The Executive Director or his/her designee shall direct the development of written policies and procedures for the administration of medication which provide that:

1. Medication and any specific equipment necessary for the administration of medicine shall be provided by the parent/guardian.
2. All medication shall be administered by the parent/guardian, school nurse or the principal's designee.
3. Medications and any specific equipment for the administration of medication shall be securely stored and kept in the original labeled container(s).
4. The school nurse shall maintain a record of the name of the student to whom medication is prescribed, the prescribing health care provider, the dosage and time of administration, and a notation of each instance of administration.
5. Students may carry selected medication (i.e., metered dose inhalers and Epipens) and may self-administer under controlled conditions with parental/licensed health care provider's written approval. The carrying of medications and self- administration of medication by a student during the school day shall be at the discretion of the certified school nurse.