



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION POLICY

The Gold Rush Charter School (“Charter School”) staff is responsible for overseeing the administration of medication to students attending the Charter School during regular school hours. It is imperative that practices followed in the administration of medication be carefully delineated to ensure the safety of our students and the legal protection of our employees. Any pupil who is required to take, during the regular school day, medication prescribed for him or her by a physician and surgeon, or ordered for him or her by a physician assistant practicing in compliance with Chapter 7/7 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, may be assisted by the designated Charter School personnel or may carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine if the Charter School receives the appropriate written statements as follows:

1. In order for a pupil to carry and self-administer prescription auto-injectable epinephrine, the Charter School shall obtain both a written statement from the physician and surgeon or physician assistant detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and confirming that the pupil is able to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine, and a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil consenting to the self-administration, providing a release for the designated school personnel to consult with the health care provider of the pupil regarding any questions that may arise with regard to the medication, and releasing the Charter School and school personnel from civil liability if the self-administering pupil suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.
2. Additionally, the trained personnel who have volunteered may use epinephrine auto-injectors to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, an anaphylactic reaction. The Charter School will ensure it has the appropriate type of epinephrine auto-injector on site (i.e., regular or junior) to meet the needs of its pupils. The Charter School will ensure staff properly store, maintain, and restock the epinephrine auto-injectors as needed.
3. The Charter School will ensure that selected school personnel are appropriately trained regarding the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors based on the standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
4. In order for a pupil to be assisted by the other designated school personnel in administering medication other than emergency epinephrine auto-injectors, the Charter School shall obtain both a written statement from the physician, surgeon or physician assistant detailing the name of the medication, method, amount, and time schedules by

which the medication is to be taken and a written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the pupil indicating the desire that the Charter School assist the pupil in the matters set forth in the statement of the physician, surgeon or physician assistant.

*Guidelines:*

- The primary responsibility for the administration of medication rests with the parent/guardian, student and medical professional.
- Prescription Medication shall be administered only during school hours if determined by a physician to be necessary.
- Designated staff shall keep records of medication administered at the Charter School.
- All medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location and administered per physician's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
- Designated staff shall return all surplus medication to the parent/guardian upon completion of the regimen or prior to extended holidays.
- Designated staff shall establish emergency procedures for specific medical conditions that require an immediate response (e.g. allergies, asthma, diabetes).
- The written statements specified in this policy shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.
- A pupil may be subject to disciplinary action if that pupil uses auto-injectable epinephrine in a manner other than as prescribed.
- Any pupil requiring insulin shots must establish a plan for administration of insulin shots with the Principal/Director in consultation with the parent or guardian and the pupil's medical professional.
- Any student needing over the counter medicines must have a parent note on file with the Charter School detailing permission to administer and the kinds of medicines that may be used.

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