



Student Medication Policy

The Academy for Urban Scholars High School Governing Authority shall not be responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of student illness. The administration of prescribed medication and/or medically-prescribed treatments to a student during school hours will be permitted only when failure to do so would jeopardize the health of the student, the student would not be able to attend school if the medication or treatment were not made available during school hours, or if the child is disabled and requires medication to benefit from his/her educational program.

For purposes of this policy, "medication" shall include all medicines including those prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and any nonprescribed (over-the-counter) drugs, preparations, and/or remedies. "Treatment" refers both to the manner in which a medication is administered and to health-care procedures which require special training, such as catheterization.

Before any prescribed medication (i.e., a drug) or treatment may be administered to any student during school hours, the Governing Authority shall require a written statement from a physician/licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs ("prescriber") accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. Before any nonprescribed medication or treatment may be administered, the Governing Authority shall require the prior written consent of the parent along with a waiver of any liability of the School for the administration of the medication.

These documents shall be kept in the enrollment office, and made available to the persons designated by this policy as authorized to administer medication or treatment.

A copy of the parent's written request and authorization and the prescriber's written statement must be given, by the next school day following the School's receipt of the documents, to the person authorized to administer drugs to the student for whom the authorization and statement have been received. No student is allowed to provide or sell any type of over-the-counter medication to another student.

Only medication in its original container; labeled with the date, if a prescription; the student's name; and exact dosage will be administered.

The medications will be administered in the administration office and shall be stored and locked in a storage place, unless the medications require refrigeration in which case they shall be stored in a refrigerator in a place not commonly used by students.

Parents may administer medication or treatment but only in the presence of a designated school employee. However, students shall be permitted to carry and use, as necessary, an asthma inhaler, provided the student has prior written permission from his/her parent and physician and has submitted Authorization for the Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers/Other Emergency Medication(s), to the School Director and any school employee assigned to the building.

Additionally, students shall be permitted to carry and use, as necessary, an epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis, provided the student has prior written approval from the prescriber of the medication and his/her parent/guardian, if the student is a minor, and has submitted written approval, Authorization for the Possession and Use of Epinephrine Autoinjector (epi-pen)) to the School Director and any school employee assigned to the building.

The parent/guardian or the student shall provide a back-up dose of the medication to the School Director. This permission shall extend to any activity, event, or program sponsored by the school or in which the school participates. In the event epinephrine is administered by the student or a school employee at school or at any of the covered events, a school employee shall immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider (911).

Any school employee will be authorized to administer medication and treatment to students.

CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

The Governing Authority is committed to ensuring that each student enrolled in the School who has diabetes receives appropriate and needed diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the student's treating physician.

The diabetes care to be provided includes any of the following:

- A. checking and recording blood glucose levels and ketone levels or assisting the student with checking and recording these levels;
- B. responding to blood glucose levels that are outside of the student's target range;
- C. in the case of severe hypoglycemia, administering glucagon and other emergency treatments as prescribed.
- D. administering insulin or assisting the student in self-administering insulin through the insulin delivery system the student uses;
- E. providing oral diabetes medications;
- F. understanding recommended schedules and food intake for meals and snacks in order to calculate medication dosages pursuant to the student's physician's order;
- G. following the physician's instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity; and

- H. administering diabetes medication, as long as the conditions described below are satisfied.

Within fourteen (14) days after the School receives an order signed by the student's treating physician, the Governing Authority will inform the student's parent or guardian that the student may be entitled to a Section 504 Plan regarding the student's diabetes.

With regard to the administration of diabetes medication:

- A. The diabetes medication may be administered by a school employee who has received training provided by the Governing Authority that complies with the Ohio Department of Education's training guidelines, and complies with the following additional requirements:
 - 1. The training must be coordinated by contracted school nurse (School Nurse).
 - 2. The training will take place prior to the beginning of each school year or, as needed, not later than fourteen (14) days after the Governing Authority receives a physician's order related to a student with diabetes.
 - 3. Upon completion of the training, the school nurse will determine whether each trained employee is competent to provide diabetes care.
 - 4. The school nurse, who provided the training, will promptly provide all necessary follow-up training and supervision to an employee who receives training.
- B. The Director of a school attended by a student with diabetes will distribute a written notice to each employee containing the following information:
 - 1. A statement that the school is required to provide diabetes care to a student with diabetes and is seeking employees who are willing to be trained to provide that care.

2. A description of the tasks to be performed.
3. A statement that participation is voluntary and that the school will not take action against an employee who does not agree to provide diabetes care, including that the employee will not be penalized or disciplined for refusing to volunteer to be trained in diabetes care.
4. A statement that training will be provided by a school nurse, a medical or osteopathic doctor, a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse with expertise in diabetes to an employee who agrees to provide care.
5. A statement that a trained employee will not be subject to disciplinary action by the Board for providing care or performing duties to students with diabetes.
6. A statement that a trained employee is immune from liability for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing care of performing duties (unless the act of omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct).
7. The name of the individual to contact if an employee is interested in providing diabetes care.

The school nurse and/or the school employee can only administer diabetes medication as described above if the requirements of Policy are met.

A student's diabetes medication will be kept in an easily accessible location.

A student with diabetes will be permitted to attend to his or her diabetes care and management, in accordance with the student's physician's order, during regular school hours and school sponsored activities only if:

- A. the student's parent or guardian provides a written request that the student be permitted to attend to his or her diabetes care and management while at school; and

- B. the student's physician has authorized such self-care and determined that the student is capable of performing diabetes care tasks.

A student with diabetes is permitted to perform diabetes care tasks in a classroom in any area of the school or school grounds, and at any school-related activity. The student must have access to a private area for performing diabetes care tasks if the student or the student's parent or guardian makes such a request.

A student with diabetes is permitted to possess on the student's self at all times all necessary supplies and equipment to perform diabetes care tasks. If the student performs any diabetes care tasks or uses medical equipment for purposes other than the student's own care, the Board will revoke the student's permission to attend to the care and management of the student's diabetes.

By December 31 of each year, the Governing Authority will report to the Ohio Department of Education the following information regarding students with diabetes:

- A. the number of students with diabetes enrolled in the School during the previous year, and
- B. the number of errors associated with the administration of diabetes medication to students with diabetes during the previous school year