

**ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS**

- 1.0 Administration of medical marijuana to qualified students shall be in accordance with this policy. Administration of all other prescription and nonprescription medications to students shall be in accordance with applicable law and District policy concerning the administration of medications to students.
- 2.0 **Definitions.** For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:
  - 2.1 Designated Location – means a location identified in writing by the District in its sole discretion and may include a location on the grounds of the school in which the student is enrolled, upon a school bus in Colorado, or at a school-sponsored event in Colorado.
  - 2.2 Permissible Forms of Medical Marijuana – means nonsmokeable products such as oils, tinctures, edible products or lotions that can be administered and fully ingested or absorbed in a short period of time.
  - 2.3 "Primary caregiver" means the qualified student's parent, guardian or other responsible adult over eighteen years of age who is identified by the student's parent/guardian as the qualified student's primary caregiver. In no event shall another student be recognized as a primary caregiver. Any primary caregiver seeking access to school or District property, a school bus or school-sponsored event for purposes of this policy must comply with the District's policy and/or procedures concerning visitors to schools and all other applicable policies.
  - 2.4 "Qualified student" means a student who holds a valid registration from the state of Colorado (license issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment) for the use of medical marijuana and for whom the administration of medical marijuana cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours.
- 3.0 **Permissible administration of medical marijuana to a qualified student.** A qualified student's primary caregiver may administer a permissible form of medical marijuana to a qualified student in a designated location if all of the following parameters are met:
  - 3.1 The qualified student's parent/guardian provides the school with a copy of the student's valid registration from the state of Colorado authorizing the student to receive medical marijuana;
  - 3.2 The qualified student's parent/guardian signs a written acknowledgement assuming all responsibility for the provision, administration, maintenance and use of medical marijuana under state law, and releases the District from liability for any injury that occurs pursuant to this policy;
  - 3.3 The qualified student's parent/guardian or primary caregiver shall be responsible for providing the permissible form of medical marijuana to be administered to the qualified student; and
  - 3.4 The District determines, in its sole discretion, that a location and a method of administration of a permissible form of medical marijuana are available that do not create risk of disruption to the educational environment or exposure to other student.
- 4.0 After administering the permissible form of medical marijuana to the qualified student, the student's primary caregiver shall remove any remaining medical marijuana from the grounds of the school, District, school bus or school-sponsored event.

- 5.0 The District will prepare, with the input of the qualified student's parent/guardian, a written plan that identifies the form, designated location(s), and any protocol regarding administration of a permissible form of medical marijuana to the qualified student. The written plan shall be signed by the school administrator, the qualified student (if capable) and the qualified student's parent/guardian.
- 6.0 Additional parameters:
- 6.1 School personnel shall not administer or hold medical marijuana in any form.
- 6.2 This policy conveys no right to any student or to the student's parents/guardians or other primary caregiver to demand access to any general or particular location on school or District property, a school bus or at a school-sponsored event to administer medical marijuana.
- 6.3 This policy shall not apply to school grounds, school buses or school-sponsored events located on federal property or any other location that prohibits marijuana on its property.
- 6.4 Permission to administer medical marijuana to a qualified student may be limited or revoked if the qualified student and/or the student's primary caregiver violates this policy or demonstrates an inability to responsibly follow this policy's parameters.
- 6.5 Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of marijuana inconsistent with this policy may be considered a violation of District policy and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion.
- 7.0 This policy shall automatically and immediately be suspended if the federal government indicates that the District's federal funds are jeopardized by this policy, and that the administration of any form of medical marijuana to qualified students on school property, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event shall not be permitted. The District shall post notice of such policy suspension and prohibition in a conspicuous place on its website.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Colo. Const. Art. XVIII, Section 14

C.R.S. 22-1-119.3 (3)(c), (d)

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**CROSS REFERENCE:**

Code: 5000

Code: 5010

Code: 5040

Code: 5420