



# OGDEN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## Official Policy

### 7. Students

#### 7.04.POL Administration of Medication Policy

Effective/Revision Date: 04/11/2024

Page 1 of 3

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to authorize personnel of Ogden Preparatory Academy (the "School") to administer medication to students consistent with applicable law.

The School's Board of Directors (the "Board") acknowledges that a student or the student's parent or guardian should typically administer medication. 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 healthcare 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. The Board hopes that 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 School personnel.

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

### POLICY

#### Administration of Medication by School Personnel

The School shall comply with applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-601, 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.

Glucagon is an emergency diabetic medication used to raise blood sugar. The School shall 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 shall comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 26-41-101, et seq., regarding emergency injection for anaphylactic reactions, in the event any School personnel seeks to become a "qualified adult" under that provision.

The School shall comply with the requirements for the administration of an opiate antagonist in accordance with Title 26, Chapter 55, Opiate Overdose Response Act, in the event the School receives an authorization request from the parent or guardian of a student.

The Principal shall establish administrative procedures that comply with applicable laws in order to set guidelines for when and how this will take place.

The Principal shall 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 Principal will ensure that School personnel and parents are provided with information about this policy as needed.

#### **Self-Administration of Medication by Students**

Students may possess and self-administer prescription medication at school in compliance with applicable law. The Principal will establish administrative procedures that comply with applicable laws in order to set guidelines for when and how this will take place.

Students are not prohibited from possessing and self-administering 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 Administration shall ensure that appropriate School personnel receive training on the provisions of Utah Code Ann. §53A-11-605 regarding medical recommendations by School employees. It is the policy of the School that employees do not make medical recommendations.

## Document History

Approved:

Revised: 04/10/2013

03/21/2019 *Added information regarding the Opiate Overdose Response Act.*

04/11/2024 *Employees cannot recommend medication.*

## Legal References

Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-601

Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-604

Utah Code Ann. § 53A-11-605

Utah Code Ann. § 26-41-101, et seq.