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BOARD POLICY ON ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

The Governing Board desires to ensure that all scholars attend school and take full advantage of educational opportunities provided by the Academy. The Board further believes scholars who need to take medication prescribed or ordered for them by their authorized health care providers should be able to receive said medication at the school site, where practicable, in order to increase participation in the educational program.

Any medication prescribed for a scholar with a disability who is qualified to receive services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall be administered in accordance with the scholar's individualized education program or Section 504 services plan, as applicable. John Adams Academy (Academy) supports scholars who need medication during the regular school day in accordance with written health care provider orders, parent/guardian authorization, applicable law, and Academy procedures. Medication, including emergency epinephrine, must be used only as prescribed or otherwise authorized by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols for administering medication to scholars during school or school-related activities. These protocols shall include options for allowing parents/guardians to administer medication to their child at school, designate other individuals to do so on their behalf, and, with the scholar's authorized health care provider's approval, request the Academy's permission for the scholar to self-administer a medication or self-monitor and/or self-test for a medical condition. Such processes shall be implemented in a manner that preserves campus security, minimizes instructional interruptions, and promotes scholar safety and privacy.

The Superintendent or designee shall make epinephrine delivery systems available at each school to provide emergency medical aid to any person who is suffering, or is reasonably believed to be suffering, from an anaphylactic reaction. Stock epinephrine is stored in a location accessible for emergency use. Academy staff receive annual notice of the location at each school site. (Education Code 49414)

The Superintendent or designee shall make naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist available at each school for emergency medical aid to any person suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from an opioid overdose. (Education Code 49414.3)

When allowed by law, medication prescribed to a scholar by an authorized health care provider may be administered by a school nurse or, when a school nurse or other medically licensed person is unavailable and the physician has authorized administration of medication by unlicensed personnel for a particular scholar, by other designated school personnel with appropriate training. School nurses and other designated school personnel shall administer medications to scholars in accordance with law, Board policy and as applicable, the written statement provided by the scholar's parent/guardian and authorized health care provider. Such personnel shall be afforded appropriate liability protection.

The principal or designee shall ensure that school personnel designated to administer any medication receive appropriate training and, as necessary, retraining from qualified medical personnel before any medication is administered. At a minimum, the training shall cover how and when such medication should be administered, the recognition of symptoms and treatment, emergency follow-up procedures, and the proper documentation and storage of medication.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the maintenance of documentation of the training for designated school personnel.



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