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Administration of Medication in School

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY:

To authorize school personnel to administer medication to students and to provide immunity from liability for authorized personnel.

POLICY:

The Good Foundations Board of Directors recognizes that medication should be administered by the student or the student's parent/guardian. However, the Board recognizes that the health of a student may require administration of medication during the course of a school day.

According to Utah State Law there is **not** a differentiation between prescription medication and over-the-counter medication. Because of this the school must *require a doctor's note or prescription for both over-the-counter and prescription medications*. The law also *requires the school to obtain a written consent from the parent/guardian*, allowing us to administer the medications. If these conditions are not met, the parent/guardian is welcome to administer any medication to the student at school.

The school will accept faxed doctor's notes or prescriptions and parent/guardian consent notes. The fax number is 385-333-7245.

Subject to the conditions of this policy, authorized school personnel may provide help with the administration of medication to GFA students during periods when the student is under the control or supervision of the school and school personnel.

As long as authorized personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner, school staff who provide assistance in substantial compliance with the licensed health care 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.

All medication (excluding inhalers and EpiPens if needed) shall be labeled for identification and kept in a locked drawer in the office. A medication log shall be kept on all students being administered too.

In accordance with Utah Code 53A-11-602 an Asthma Self-Administration form must be filled out for all students requiring inhalers. This form will allow or restrict authorization for a student to carry an inhaler during school hours.

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Students with a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector (EpiPen) fall within the purview of this policy unless the student's health care provider provides a written statement that states that it is medically appropriate for the student to possess the EpiPen at all times. An Asthma Self-Administration Form must be filled out for the EpiPen as well. The office staff has been trained and will continue to be trained on how to administer EpiPens if necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

The principal or designee will provide information about this policy to the school staff and patrons. The principal will consult with the local health department and/or a registered health professional for help with the development of the required procedures, staff training and effective implementation of this policy.

COMPLIANCE

GFA will comply with State and Federal laws regarding the administration of medication to students.