

ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT HEALTH POLICY

Policy No. SH0001  
Adopted: 11/10/14  
Amended:

**SUBJECT: ASTHMA**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Policy is to allow for the administration of asthma/anaphylaxis medication to students during the school day.

**BACKGROUND:** To ensure that students are able to receive a free and appropriate education, it may be necessary for students to take asthma/anaphylaxis medication during school hours. It is the Governance Council's intent that all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and medical safeguards are in place and are followed when dispensing medications on the school campus.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- (A) "Health care practitioner" means a person authorized under law in New Mexico to prescribe drugs for the treatment of asthma and anaphylaxis associated medical conditions.
- (B) "Medication" means a drug as that term is defined in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321) and includes inhaled bronchodilators, inhaled corticosteroids and auto-injectable epinephrine.
- (C) "Self-administration" means a student's discretionary use of his or her prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication, pursuant to prescription or written direction from a health care practitioner.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- (A) Alma d'arte has neither the responsibility nor authority to dispense medication at school. Upon specific parental request, medication may be dispensed to students enrolled in the school upon receipt of written authorization by the parent, subject to the conditions and procedures set forth in this policy.
- (B) Medication will be dispensed only according to this Policy and an "Asthma Action Plan" for medication administration. The school shall not be liable for injuries or accidents arising from the proper implementation of this policy and a medication administration plan, since the final responsibility for administration of student medications lies with the parent, the student, and the treating health care practitioner.
- (C) The student must be instructed by the parent or the health care practitioner on how to take his/her medication. It is the responsibility of the student with the parent's guidance to understand why he/she takes the medication and to take it according to the prescribed schedule and the medication administration plan.

- (D) Consistent with state regulation, parents of students who self-administer medication shall confirm in writing that the Alma d'arte shall incur no liability as a result of injury arising from self-administration of the student's medication.

*Legal Reference: 6.12.2.9 NMAC*

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