

ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT HEALTH POLICY

Policy No. SH0002  
Adopted: 11/10/14  
Amended:

**SUBJECT: DIABETES**

**PUPRPOSE:** The purpose of the Policy is to grant students the right to self-manage their diabetes care in the school setting and to develop mechanisms that support safe diabetes self-management in the school environment.

**BACKGROUND:** To ensure that students are able to receive a free and appropriate education, it may be necessary for students to self-manage their diabetes care by self-administration of medication and/or self-assessment of their glucose level 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 diabetes and associated medical conditions.
- (B) "Medication" means a drug as that term is defined in section 201(g)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321) and includes oral and non-oral drugs in a pharmacy-labeled container.
- (C) "Self-administration" means a student's own use of prescribed diabetes medication pursuant to a prescription from a health care practitioner.
- (D) "Equipment and supplies" means those materials required to store or dispose of sharps, to perform self-assessment procedures, or to self-administer medication.
- (E) "Self-assessment" means a student's monitoring of his/her blood glucose levels and for the presence of ketones.
- (F) "Sharps" means a device with a keen edge or sharp point used to puncture the skin for the purpose of self-assessment or a needle used to inject medication.

**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 district's schools 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 a “Diabetes-Medication Management” plan. 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) Alma d’arte grants any student with diabetes authorization to carry and use equipment and supplies, for storage and disposal of sharps, for self-assessment and for self-administration of diabetes treatment medications prescribed by a health care practitioner
- (E) Consistent with state regulation, parents of students who self-administer medication shall confirm in writing that Alma d’arte shall incur no liability as a result of injury arising from self-administration of the student’s medication or self-assessment of the student’s blood glucose level.

*Legal Reference: 6.12.8 NMAC*

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