



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION POLICY

The Samueli Academy (the “Charter School”) staff is responsible for overseeing the administration of medication to students attending Samueli Academy during the regular school day. It is imperative that practices followed in the administration of medication be carefully delineated to ensure the safety of our students and the legal protection of our employees.

Definitions

- “*Authorized health care provider*” means an individual who is licensed by the State of California to prescribe medication.
- “*Authorizing physician and surgeon*” may include, but is not limited to, a physician and surgeon employed by, or contracting with, a local educational agency, a medical director of the local health department, or a local emergency medical services director.
- “*Other designated Charter School personnel*” means an individual employed by the Charter School who has (1) has consented to assist/administer medication to students and (2) may legally assist/administer the medication to students.
- “*Medication*” includes prescription medication, over-the-counter remedies, nutritional supplements, and herbal remedies. Sunscreen is not considered a medication.
- “*Regular school day*” includes during school hours, before- or after-school programs, field trips, extracurricular or co-curricular activities, and camps or other activities that typically involve at least one (1) overnight stay from home.

Administration of Medication with Charter School Assistance

Any student who is or may be required to take, during the regular school day, prescription medication prescribed or ordered for the student by an authorized health care provider may be assisted by a designated Charter School personnel.

In order for a student to be assisted by the designated Charter School personnel in administering medication, Charter School shall obtain both:

1. A written statement from the student's authorized health care provider detailing the name of the medication, method, amount/dosage, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and
2. A written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the student indicating the desire that Samueli Academy assist the student in the matters set forth in the statement of the authorized health care provider.

These written statements specified shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage/amount, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.

The primary responsibility for the administration of medication rests with the parent/guardian, student, and medical professionals.

Self-Administration of Medication (without Charter School Assistance)

The Charter School does not permit students to self-carry and self-administer prescription medication with the exception of auto-injectable epinephrine ("EpiPen") and inhaled asthma medication as authorized by a health care provider that has indicated that a student may need to take this medication or is required to take this medication during the regular school day. In order to carry and self-administer this medication, Samueli Academy must receive the following:

1. A written statement from the student's authorized health care provider (1) detailing the name of the medication, method, dosage/amount, and time schedules by which the medication is to be taken, and (2) confirming that the student is able to self-administer an EpiPen or inhaled asthma medication, and
2. A written statement from the parent, foster parent, or guardian of the student (1) consenting to the self-administration, (2) providing a release for the or designated Charter School personnel to consult with the health care provider of the student regarding any questions that may arise with regard to the medication, and (3) releasing Samueli Academy and Charter School personnel from civil liability if the self-administering student suffers an adverse reaction as a result of self-administering medication.

These written statements specified shall be provided at least annually and more frequently if the medication, dosage/amount, frequency of administration, or reason for administration changes.

Any student requiring insulin shots must establish a plan for administration of insulin shots with the Executive Director in consultation with the parent or guardian and the student's medical professional.

Staff Training and Emergency Response

Additional information about staff trainings and the Charter School's response to emergencies may be located within the Student/Parent Handbook and/or the School Safety Plan.

A. Response to Anaphylactic Reaction

School personnel may use an EpiPen to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, an anaphylactic reaction. Charter School will ensure it has the appropriate type of EpiPen on site (i.e., regular or junior) to meet the needs of its students. Samueli Academy will ensure staff properly store, maintain, and restock the EpiPen as needed.

Charter School will ensure any Charter School personnel who volunteer are appropriately trained regarding the storage and emergency use of an EpiPen. Adequate training shall include all of the following:

1. Techniques for recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.
2. Standards and procedures for the storage, restocking, and emergency use of EpiPens.
3. Emergency follow-up procedures, including calling the emergency 911 telephone number and contacting, if possible, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and physician.
4. Recommendations on the necessity of instruction and certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
5. Instruction on how to determine whether to use an adult EpiPen or a EpiPen, which shall include consideration of a student's grade level or age as a guideline of equivalency for the appropriate student weight determination.
6. Written materials covering the information required pursuant to the training.

Samueli Academy will distribute an annual notice to all staff describing the request for volunteers who will be trained to administer an EpiPen to a person if that person is suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering from, anaphylaxis. The annual notice shall also describe the training the volunteer will receive.

B. Response to a Diabetic or Hypoglycemic Emergency

Samueli Academy provides Charter School personnel with voluntary emergency medical training on how to provide emergency medical assistance to students with diabetes suffering from severe hypoglycemia. The volunteer personnel shall provide this emergency care in accordance with standards established herein and the performance instructions set forth by the licensed health care provider of the student. A Charter School employee who does not volunteer or who has not been trained pursuant to this Policy may not be required to provide emergency medical assistance.

Training by a physician, registered nurse, or certificated public health nurse according to the standards established pursuant to this section shall be deemed adequate training. Training established shall include all of the following:

1. Recognition and treatment of hypoglycemia.
2. Administration of glucagon.
3. Basic emergency follow-up procedures, including, but not limited to, calling the emergency 911 telephone number and contacting, if possible, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) and licensed health care provider.

A Charter School employee shall notify the Executive Director if the employee administers glucagon pursuant to this Policy.

All materials necessary to administer the glucagon shall be provided by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student.

In the case of a student who is able to self-test and monitor their own blood glucose level, upon written request of the parent or guardian, and with authorization of the licensed health care provider of the student, a student with diabetes shall be permitted to test their own blood glucose level and to otherwise provide diabetes self-care in the classroom, in any area of the Charter School or Charter School grounds, during any Charter School-related activity, and, upon specific request by a parent or guardian, in a private location.

Designated staff shall establish emergency procedures for specific medical conditions that require an immediate response (i.e. allergies, asthma, diabetes).

Storage and Record Keeping

1. All medication will be kept in a secure and appropriate storage location and administered per an authorized health care provider's instructions by appropriately designated staff.
2. Designated staff shall keep records of medication administered at Samuelli Academy. The medication log may include the following:
 - a. Student's name.
 - b. Name of medication the student is required to take.
 - c. Dose of medication.
 - d. Method by which the student is required to take the medication.
 - e. Time the medication is to be taken during the regular school day.
 - f. Date(s) on which the student is required to take the medication.
 - g. Authorized health care provider's name and contact information.
 - h. A space for daily recording of medication administration to the student or otherwise assisting the student in administration of the medication, such as date, time, amount,

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and signature of the individual administering the medication or otherwise assisting in administration of the medication.

3. Designated staff shall return all surplus, discontinued, or outdated medication to the parent/guardian upon completion of the regimen or prior to extended holidays. If the medication cannot be returned, it will be disposed of at the end of the school year.