

## Student Medication Policy

Mackintosh Academy is not a medical facility, and the staff is not trained beyond simple first aid. The Academy cannot provide medical care for our students; however, with a written request and instructions from the student's physician, authorized staff will administer special medications during the school day. **All prescription and nonprescription medication given in the school setting requires a written authorization from the student's health care provider as well as parental written consent.** This is a licensing requirement. *Medication Authorization Forms*, one completed for each medication, are available from the main office and on the FACTS resource page.

Parents of students requiring Epi-Pens for allergic reactions or inhalers for asthma are required to complete a *Colorado Asthma Care Plan* and/or *An Allergy and Anaphylaxis Action Plan*. These forms are available from the front office or from your healthcare provider. The forms must be completed before the first day of school in order for us to safely meet your child's needs. If an Epi-pen is brought to the school without the proper instructions and signed forms, staff members are not authorized to administer it and will be instructed to call 911 in the event of a reaction until the completed authorization forms are received by the school.

Instructions from the student's health care provider must include the following:

1. Information regarding the medication;
2. The reason for the medication;
3. The specific time of administration; and
4. The length of time the medication will be given.

All medications must be brought in the original labeled container. Each medication, including all over-the-counter medication, must be accompanied by a separate permission form, signed by the parent(s) and the child's physician.

Homeopathic medication and herbal preparations are not included in medical administration training; therefore, no school personnel may administer these medications. These medications will not be permitted on campus without written approval from the Nurse Consultant.

Authorized medical staff persons are not certified to determine when an “as needed” medication is to be given. Specific instructions are necessary. For children with chronic health conditions, the “as needed” instructions can be determined in collaboration with the consulting registered nurse.

Absent instruction to the contrary, Mackintosh will administer Band-Aids for simple cuts and abrasions.

A Registered Nurse Consultant (Nurse Consultant) from Children’s Hospital (hired by the school) will delegate and supervise the task of medication administration **only** to those staff members who have completed and passed the state approved Medication Administration Training class. The Nurse Consultant will be available once a month for parent and staff consultation at Mackintosh Academy.

We are committed to following the most current guidelines provided by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Colorado Department of Public Health, and the Colorado State Board of Nursing to ensure the safe and accurate administration of routine medications to the students at Mackintosh Academy. We appreciate your support with these requirements.