

Tapestry Public Charter School

Medication Policy

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According to the Student Handbook, students will not be permitted to take medication at school unless a Physician's Request for Medication administration is received from student's guardians. In this case, all medications will be kept in the Nurse's clinic for distribution when needed. **These medications are to be picked up during the last week of the school year or they will be properly disposed of.** Any student possessing prescription or over the counter medication not in accordance with the above guideline will be considered in violation of the School's Medication policy and subject to disciplinary action.

Students are required to have an **"Authorization for student to carry Prescription Inhaler, Epi- Pen, or Insulin"** as well as an **"Action Plan"** form signed by a healthcare provider. The student may then carry them on his/her person and may self administer as the need arises. Such students are advised not to permit any other student to handle, possess or use his/her medication. Violation of this guideline could result in disciplinary action.

The **"Physician's Request for Administration of Medication in School Building During School Hours"** is needed for medications that are kept in the Nurse's office such as prescription medication and over the counter medications (i.e. Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen, Benadryl, cough drops.) These forms are included in the TPCS registration documents and links can be found in the newsletter as well as the TPCS main web page. These should be completed at the beginning of the school year and when a student receives a new diagnosis requiring medication.

Written permission from the parent or healthcare provider regarding such medications and their usage releases Tapestry Public Charter School and its employees from civil liability for administering such medications or if the self-administering student suffers an adverse reaction to the medication.

Per Georgia Senate Bill 126, nurses and other school employees are able to stock and administer an 'Unassigned' epipen to a student or faculty member who is having an actual or perceived anaphylactic (allergic) reaction, regardless of whether the student or faculty member has a prescription for epinephrine. Such persons are authorized to administer Levalbuterol Sulfate (Xopenex) or Albuterol Sulfate, if available, to a student or faculty member in perceived respiratory distress, regardless of whether the student or faculty member has a prescription for Levalbuterol Sulfate (Xopenex) or Albuterol Sulfate. Any school employee who in "good faith" administers or chooses not to administer such medication to a student or faculty member in such circumstances shall be immune from civil liability.

In addition, Narcan (Naloxone) will be available and used for suspected narcotic overdose as needed and in accordance with state and federal law.