



SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Administration of Medications and Medical Interventions Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Lakecrest recognizes that the administration of prescribed medications and medical interventions is the primary responsibility of the parent/guardian. However, the Head of School authorizes the administration of medications and medical interventions by school staff if, in the opinion of a practicing physician, the medication or intervention is necessary for the student to attend school. This applies only to medications and interventions that can be safely administered by a lay person with no or limited training.

BACKGROUND

In the course of a school day students may require various supports and medical interventions, ranging from the administration of medications to the administration of First Aid and other emergency procedures.

DEFINITIONS

EMERGENCY MEDICATION: Medication that is necessary for a specific condition or situation (e.g., auto-injector for anaphylactic reaction).

LONG-TERM MEDICATION: Medication that is necessary on an ongoing basis (e.g., Ritalin)

SHORT-TERM MEDICATION: Medication that is necessary for a clearly specified period of time (e.g., antibiotics).

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION: Medication that is available without a physician's prescription (e.g., cough syrups; decongestants; and analgesics such as acetaminophen, ASA, ibuprofen).

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW: A legal principle that prevents a rescuer who has voluntarily helped a victim in distress from being sued successfully for 'wrongdoing'. Its purpose is to keep people from being reluctant to help a stranger in need for fear of legal repercussions if they make a mistake in treatment.

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. The administration of medications to a student is primarily the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Lakecrest authorizes the administration of medications to students by staff when the medications are prescribed by a physician and must be taken during the school day/school-sponsored activities. Parents will have to complete a Medication Consent and Release Form yearly in order for staff to administer medications. The information contained on these forms will be stored in a centralized location in the main office and will be properly disposed of at the end of the year.
2. The Head of School will designate an appropriate staff person to administer medications (typically the office administrator).
3. School administrators must ensure that medications are securely stored, and that the administration to students is documented.
4. Lakecrest will arrange for First Aid and CPR training as necessary for the school staff, in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
5. School administrators must ensure that First Aid kits are maintained in schools.
6. All Lakecrest staff members are expected to assist student(s) in an emergency situation, and arrange for emergency intervention by a person trained in First Aid or by medical personnel, where necessary. When an accident, injury or other emergency involving student(s) occurs, an employee who is present shall stay with the student(s) and ensure that First Aid and medical attention, if necessary, is provided as quickly as possible.