Administration of Medical Marijuana

The GOAL Academy ("GOAL" or "School") Governing Board ("Board") strives to honor families' private medical decisions while ensuring a learning environment free of disruption. As a result, the Board prohibits the on-site administration of Medical Marijuana unless its administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of a GOAL site or GOAL-sponsored event.

NO GOAL EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT MAY ADMINISTER OR POSSESS MARIJUANA OR MARIJUANA DERIVATIVES WITH THC IN ANY FORM ON GOAL PROPERTY, WHILE RIDING IN A GOAL VEHICLE, OR WHILE AT GOAL-SPONSORED EVENTS IN VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY.

Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students shall be in accordance with this policy. This policy does not apply to the administration of any other prescription or nonprescription medications, which are governed in accordance with GOAL's Medication Administration policy and applicable laws.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- "Designated Location" means a location identified in writing by the Nurse or Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Any other location shall only be approved as a Designated Location by the CEO in writing due to unavailability or accessibility.
- "Medical Marijuana" means a cannabis product with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration greater than 0.3 percent prescribed by a Medical Professional.
- "Medical Professional" means an individual licensed under article 36 or article 38 of title 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes who has prescriptive authority.
- "Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana Products" means non-inhalable (smoke or vapor) products such as oils, tinctures, edible products, or lotions that can be administered and fully ingested or absorbed in a short period of time and are not intended for recreational use. Patches or other forms of administration that continue to deliver Medical Marijuana products to a student while at School may be appropriate for students who receive ongoing adult assistance or on a case-by-case basis as determined by the School when adequate protections against misuse may be made. Forms of Medical Marijuana products not included in this definition may be proposed by the Qualified Student's or Qualified Student's Parent/Guardian to the CEO, or CEO's designee, who may authorize such a request after consultation with appropriate medical personnel chosen by GOAL.
- "Qualified Student" means a student enrolled at GOAL, who holds a valid Registry identification card (as defined in Article XVIII, Section 14 of the Colorado Constitution) ("Registry Card") *and has a signed and notarized "Written Plan: Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students"* on file with the School, and for whom the administration of Medical Marijuana products cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of a GOAL site or GOAL-sponsored event.

- “Primary Caregiver” means a person who must be over the age of 18. In no event shall the Qualified Student or any other GOAL student be recognized as a Primary Caregiver. Any Primary Caregiver seeking access to School property, a GOAL vehicle, or School-sponsored event for purposes of this policy must comply with GOAL’s School Visitors policy and all other applicable GOAL policies.
- “Universal Symbol” means the image established by the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division and made available to Licensees through the Marijuana Enforcement Division’s website, indicating that the Medical Marijuana or Medical Marijuana Infused-Product contains marijuana.

Permissible Administration of Medical Marijuana Products to a Qualified Student

A Primary Caregiver may administer Permissible Forms of Medical Marijuana products to a Qualified Student on School grounds, in a School vehicle, or at a School-sponsored event only if the following criteria are met:

1. The Qualified Student’s parent/guardian (hereinafter, “Guardian”) provides GOAL with a copy of the student’s valid recommendation for Medical Marijuana from a licensed physician and a valid Colorado Registry Card which authorizes the student to receive Medical Marijuana at least one week in advance of requesting authorization to administer Medical Marijuana pursuant to this policy.

2. The Guardian must provide GOAL with the signed and notarized “Written Plan: Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students” describing:

    - the valid registration for the State of Colorado for the use of Medical Marijuana;
    - the Medical Marijuana product and dose prescribed;
    - copy of physician certification;
    - the side effects of the product;
    - the reason the product is necessary for the Qualified Student;
    - the specified time and frequency of administration;
    - name, DOB, and copy of identification of all requested "persons to administer” names listed on the Medical Marijuana Registry Card;
    - a statement that the Medical Marijuana product cannot be administrated exclusively outside of school hours; and
    - an explanation of why the Medical Marijuana product cannot be administered exclusively outside of school hours.

3. The Primary Caregiver shall be responsible for providing the Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana to be administered to the Qualified Student.

4. Within ten (10) school days, the School administration will notify the Guardian of acceptance or denial of the request. GOAL may determine, at its sole discretion, whether a location or method of administration of Medical Marijuana products is available that does not create a disruption to the learning environment or cause exposure to other students. GOAL may also determine, at its sole discretion, whether the continued use of the Medical Marijuana product disrupts the learning environment or causes exposure to other students. If GOAL determines that the Medical Marijuana product creates a disruption or causes exposure, GOAL shall consider alternative arrangements.

5. If accepted, GOAL shall approve the Written Plan. The Written Plan shall be signed by the Nurse or designee, the Qualified Student's Guardian, and the Primary Caregiver.

6. If at any time dosage amounts or times must change, the Guardian must request to alter/revise the Written Plan prior to implementing changes.

Permissible administration of Medical Marijuana to a Qualified Student by School personnel

School personnel may volunteer to store, administer, or assist in the administration of Medical Marijuana to a Qualified Student in a Designated Location if the following parameters are met:

1. The Qualified Student or Qualified Student's Guardian has provided the School with a copy of the student's valid recommendation for Medical Marijuana from a licensed physician and valid registration from the state of Colorado authorizing the student to receive Medical Marijuana;
2. The Qualified Student or Qualified Student's Guardian signs a written acknowledgment granting permission for the School personnel who volunteer to store, administer, or assist in the administration of Medical Marijuana under state law, and releases the School from liability for any injury that occurs pursuant to this policy;
3. The Qualified Student or Qualified Student's Guardian or Primary Caregiver must be responsible for providing the Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana to be administered to the Qualified Student;
4. The School determines, in its sole discretion, that a location and a method of administration of a Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana are available that do not create a risk of disruption to the educational environment or exposure to other students;
5. The School determines, in its sole discretion, the location of a locked storage container to store the Qualified Student's Medical Marijuana that does not significantly delay access to or the administration of the Medical Marijuana in a medical emergency; and
6. The School prepares, with the input of the Qualified Student or Qualified Student's Guardian, a Written Plan that identifies the form, Designated Location(s), instructions or treatment plan for administration from one of the student's recommending physicians, and any additional protocol regarding administration of a Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana to the Qualified Student. The Written Plan must be signed by the School nurse, the School personnel who volunteer to store, administer, or assist in the administration of the Medical Marijuana, the Qualified Student (if capable), and the Qualified Student's Guardian.

Additional Parameters

- This policy is not intended to and does not convey any right to any student, Guardian, or Medical Professional to demand access to any general or particular location on School grounds to administer Medical Marijuana products.

- Student possession, use, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of Medical Marijuana products inconsistent with this policy may be considered a violation of GOAL's Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use policy concerning drug and alcohol involvement by students or other applicable GOAL policy, and may subject the student to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion

- Permission to administer Medical Marijuana to a Qualified Student may be limited or revoked if the Qualified Student, Guardian, and/or the Primary Caregiver violates this policy or demonstrates an inability to follow this policy's parameters responsibly.
- All Medical Marijuana brought onto GOAL property or to GOAL-sponsored events must be kept in packaging that contains the Universal Symbol and may only be removed from the packaging while in the Designated Location. The Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana will be stored for the Qualified Student in a designated locked location within the School site. The Guardian will follow the School procedures in working with the School Nurse or School Regional Principal to ensure the delivery of the Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana to the location designated by the School for storage. The School will store the Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana and provide access to the Qualified Student for administration as identified within the written plan.
- Either the School determines, in its sole discretion, the location of a locked storage container to store the Qualified Student's Medical Marijuana that does not significantly delay access to or the administration of the Medical Marijuana in a medical emergency, or, after administering the Permissible Form of Medical Marijuana to the Qualified Student, the student's Primary Caregiver shall remove any remaining Medical Marijuana from the grounds of the School, School vehicle, or School-sponsored event; and
- If the federal government indicates that GOAL's federal funds are jeopardized by this policy, the Board declares that this policy shall be suspended immediately and that the administration of any form of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students on School property, while riding in a GOAL vehicle, or at a GOAL-sponsored event shall not be permitted. In such instance, GOAL shall post notice of such policy suspension and prohibition on its website.