

**GOAL Academy Policy**  
**Administering Medication to Students**

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**1. Policy Statement**

a. GOAL Academy’s Board of Directors (Board) shall set forward a policy regarding medication administration to students that cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours.

**2. Reason for Policy**

a. The purpose of the policy is to establish uniform procedures and safeguards in regard to the administering of medication to students.

**3. Who Should Read This Policy**

a. All members of the GOAL Academy community

**4. Related Documents**

a. Student Handbook

**5. Contacts**

a. Chief Academic Officer, Director of Exceptional Student Services, School Nurse

**6. The Policy**

**Administering Prescribed and Over the Counter Medications to Students**

GOAL Academy (GOAL) personnel may not administer prescription or nonprescription medications to students unless appropriate administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school property or sponsored activities.

Medications may be administered to students by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of administering such medication in accordance with (§12-38-103 (13) C.R.S.). This training and delegation should occur annually.

The term “nonprescription medication” is a product approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Which may include but is not limited to over-the-counter medications, homeopathic and herbal medications, vitamins, and nutritional supplements.

Medication may be administered to students by specific GOAL personnel only when the following requirements are met:

1. Medications should be in the original properly labeled container. This includes medications that are self-carried by students. If it is a prescription medication, the

student's name, name of medication, dosage, how often it is to be administered, route of administration and the prescribing health care practitioner must be printed on the container. If it is not a prescription medication it must be in a sealed original properly labeled container.

2. If student is under the age of 18, GOAL's person in charge of receiving requests must have received written permission from the student's parent/guardian to administer the medication to the student and have written permission to administer the medication from the student's health care practitioner with prescriptive authority as defined by Colorado law. If the student is over the age of 18 or emancipated, GOAL must have written permission to administer the medication from the student's health care practitioner and the GOAL student.
3. The parent/guardian, or adult student is responsible for providing GOAL all medication to be administered.
4. School personnel will keep an individual record of all medications administered by school personnel to any student.
5. Medication is to be stored in a clean, secured cabinet or container at the GOAL site or an approved location where it is to be administered.

### **Self-administration of medication for life-threatening conditions**

A student with a life-threatening condition with emergency medication prescribed by a medical provider with prescriptive authority may self-carry their medication with a self-carry contract executed between the Student and the Parent/Guardian (if student is less than 18 years of age), and the authorized GOAL staff member. Self-administration of such medication may occur during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school sponsored activity. Student possession and self-administration of such medications must be in accordance with the regulation accompanying this policy.

If the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication, the privilege to self-carry and administer their medication may be limited or revoked by the school assistant principal, dean, or principal after consultation with the school nurse and the student and/or the student's parents/guardian.

### **Self-Administration of Medications**

A student who is prescribed a prescription or non-prescription medication by a medical provider with prescriptive authority may self-carry their medication with a self-carry contract executed between the Student and their Parent/Guardian (if student is less than 18 years of age), and the authorized GOAL staff member. This is limited, as defined within the self-carry contract with the student and school authorized staff, to a single day dosage or a dosage equal to the duration of the school sponsored event.

This is a privilege, and these medications must be kept in the care and control of the student and are not to be shared with other GOAL students or staff. The privilege of carrying over-the-counter medications can be revoked by GOAL, if deemed necessary.

Self-administration of such medication may occur during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school sponsored activity. Student possession and self-administration of such medications must be in accordance with the regulation accompanying this policy.

If the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication, the privilege to self-carry and administer their medication may be limited or revoked by the school assistant principal, dean, or principal after consultation with the school nurse and the student and/or their parents/guardian.

### **Use of Opiate Antagonists in Emergency Situations**

To the extent state funding and supplies are available, GOAL shall have a stock supply of opiate antagonists to assist a student who is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose event. For purposes of this policy, an opiate antagonist means naloxone hydrochloride or any similarly acting drug that is not a controlled substance and that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of a drug overdose.

The stock supply of opiate antagonists may also be used to assist an employee or any other person who is at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose event.

Administration of an opiate antagonist by a GOAL employee to a student or any other person shall be in accordance with applicable state law.

### **Use of Stock Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in Emergency Situations**

To the extent funding and supplies are available, GOAL shall have a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors for use in emergency anaphylaxis events that occur on school grounds. Any administration of stock epinephrine auto-injector to a student or staff member by a GOAL employee must be in accordance with applicable state law, including applicable State Board of Education rules.

The school's stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors is not intended to replace student specific orders or medication provided by the student's parent/guardian to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis, or related life-threatening condition.