

SELF-CARRY & SELF-ADMINISTER EMERGENCY MEDICATION OR MEDICAL DEVICE PROCEDURES

Purpose: Students with diagnosed chronic health conditions may have medication or medical devices prescribed to treat a medical emergency that may be self-administered and student-carried. As used in this policy, medication includes but is not limited to, medication for the treatment of anaphylaxis, asthma, seizures, and diabetes.

***Controlled Substances will not be self-carried or self-administered at Flint Hill Christian School or any school sponsored activities.**

Definitions:

- *Self-carry* - means a student will be permitted to possess and use a prescribed emergency medication or medical device during school hours and school sponsored activities.
- *Self-administer* - means a student is able to give himself/herself a prescribed medication or utilize a medical device to manage a chronic illness during school hours and school sponsored activities.

Student Eligibility: A student shall meet all of the following requirements in order to self-carry and self-administer medication or a medical device:

1. **Written Authorization:** In order for a student to self-carry and self-administer an emergency medication or medical device, the student's healthcare provider, parent/guardian, and student will need to provide a written statement stating the student is knowledgeable regarding the risks and benefits of the self-administration of medication or use of medical device; demonstrate use of medication or medical device, and know when the medication or medical device is to be used. (See Self-Carry / Self-administer Medication or Medical Device Form).
2. **Demonstration:** The student will demonstrate to the school nurse the proper knowledge and use of medication or medical device according to the physician order prior to self-carrying and self-administering medication during school or on school sponsored activities.

Back-up Medication: The parent/guardian will be required to provide an emergency back-up supply of the student's authorized self-carry, self-administer medication or medical device. If a parent/guardian refuses to provide back-up medication or medical devices, a refusal form must be signed.

Parent Responsibility: Parent(s)/guardian understands that Flint Hills Christian School assumes no liability for the student not bringing medication or medical device to school, not using medication or device when needed, and for the misuse of medication or device. Students may be subjected to school disciplinary actions if misuse occurs.

Student Responsibility: Student understands the signs and symptoms of his/her chronic health condition and understands when medication or a medical device is needed and will use it as prescribed by the physician. Student understands that he/she is to self-carry medication or medical devices on self at all times while at school and school related activities. Student understands that he/she is not to give medication or use his/her medical device on other students. Student understands that if the above statements are not met, student may lose the ability to self-carry / self-administer and may be subject to disciplinary actions by the school.

References:

- National Association of School Nurses: *Medication Administration in the Schools* (2017)
- Kansas School Nurses Organization: *Guidelines for Medication Administration in Kansas Schools* (2017)

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