

# EagleRidge High School

STUDENTS 700.24 JHCD/JHCDA

## Medications Policy\*\*/\*

EHS recognizes that administering a medication to a student and/or permitting a student to administer a medication to themselves, may be necessary when the failure to take such medication during school hours would prevent the student from attending school, and recognizes a need to ensure the health and well-being of a student who requires regular doses or injections of a medication as a result of experiencing a life-threatening allergic reaction or adrenal crisis<sup>1</sup>, or a need to manage hypoglycemia, asthma or diabetes. Accordingly, EHS may administer or a student may be permitted to administer to themselves a prescription (injectable and noninjectable) and/or nonprescription (noninjectable) medication at school.

EHS shall designate personnel authorized to administer medications to students. Annual training shall be provided to designated personnel as required by law in accordance with guidelines approved by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). When a licensed health care professional is not immediately available, trained personnel designated by EHS may administer to a student, epinephrine, glucagon or another medication to a student as prescribed and/or allowed by Oregon law.

Current first-aid and CPR cards are strongly encouraged for designated personnel.

EHS reserves the right to reject a request for administration of medication at school, either by school personnel or student self-administration, if the medication is not necessary for the student to remain in school.

The Executive Director and/or designee will require that an individualized health care plan and allergy plan is developed for every student with a known life-threatening allergy or a need to manage asthma, and an individualized health care plan for every student for whom EHS has been given proper notice of a diagnosis of adrenal insufficiency. Such a plan will include provisions for administering medication and/or responding to emergency situations while the student is in school, at a school-sponsored activity, under the supervision of school personnel, in before- or after-school care programs on school-owned property and in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

A student may be allowed to self-administer a medication for asthma, diabetes, hypoglycemia or severe allergies as prescribed by an Oregon licensed health care professional, upon written and signed request of the parent or guardian and subject to age-appropriate guidelines. This self-administration provision also requires a written and signed confirmation the student has been instructed by the Oregon licensed health care professional on the proper use of and responsibilities for the prescribed medication.

A request to the EHS Executive Director to administer or allow a student to self-administer prescription medication shall include a signed prescription and treatment plan from a prescriber<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Under proper notice given to EHS by a student or student's parent or guardian.

<sup>2</sup> A registered nurse who is employed by a public or private school, ESD or local public health authority to provide nursing services at a public or private school may accept an order from a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in

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A request to EHS to administer or allow a student to self-administer nonprescription medication that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall include a written order from the student's prescriber that meets the requirements of the law.

A written request and permission form signed by a student's parent or guardian, unless the student is allowed to access medical care without parental consent under state law<sup>3</sup>, is required and will be kept on file.

If the student is deemed to have violated Board policy or medical protocol by EHS, EHS may revoke the permission given to a student to self-administer medication.

Prescription and nonprescription medication will be handled, stored, monitored, disposed of and records maintained in accordance with established EHS administrative procedures governing the administration of prescription or nonprescription medications to students, including procedures for the disposal of sharps and glass.

A process shall be established by which, upon parent or guardian written request, a back-up prescribed autoinjectable epinephrine is kept at a reasonably secure location in the student's classroom as provided by state law.

A premeasured dose of epinephrine may be administered by trained, designated personnel to any student or other individual on school premises who the person believes, in good faith, is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

This policy shall not prohibit, in any way, the administration of recognized first aid to a student by EHS employees in accordance with established state law, Board policy and procedures.

An EHS administrator, teacher or other EHS employee designated by the school Executive Director is not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages as a result of the administration, in good faith and pursuant to state law, of prescription and/or nonprescription medication.

An EHS administrator, school nurse, teacher or other EHS employee designated by the school Executive Director is not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages as a result of a student's self-administration of medication, as described in Oregon Revised Statue (ORS) 339.866, if that person in good faith and pursuant to state law, assisted the student in self-administration of the medication.

An EHS administrator, school nurse, teacher or other EHS employee designated by the school Executive Director is not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages as a result of the use of medication if that person in good faith administers autoinjectable epinephrine to a student or other individual with a severe allergy, who is unable to self administer the medication regardless of whether the student or individual has a prescription for epinephrine.

EHS and the members of EHS' board are not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages as a result of the use of medication if any person in good faith, on school premises, including at a school, on school property under the jurisdiction of EHS or at an activity under the jurisdiction of EHS, administers

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another state or territory of the U.S. if the order is related to the care or treatment of a student who has been enrolled at the school for not more than 90 days.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to ORS 109.610, 109.640 and 109.675.

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The Executive Director shall develop administrative procedures as needed to meet the requirements of law and the implementation of this policy.

END OF POLICY