



SAGE Academy

Policy # 516 – Student Medications

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE POLICY:

SAGE prohibits possession, use or distribution of non-prescription drugs and medication on campus or as part of SAGE Academy activities, unless expressed permission is granted a student in writing by a parent or legal guardian and a current permission form is on file in the nurse's office.

SAGE Academy allows the administration of certain non-prescription medicines under the following conditions:

Prior current signed permission of the parent or legal guardian is secured and on file for the student. All Non-prescription drugs must be labelled with the student's name and kept in the nurse's office at all times; they may not be in the student's possession.

SAGE will not be responsible for maintaining a supply of such medicines on the school premises. SAGE will not suggest or recommend specific non-prescription drugs as remedies. SAGE Staff will give no non-prescription drugs, including cough drops. SAGE will provide minor first aid treatment for the benefit of students. More serious injuries or illnesses shall be reported to the student's parent or guardian, or to the designated medical professional. It is the specific duty of the parent or legal guardian to identify any known allergies or other adverse reactions a student may have to any non-prescription medicine. It is the specific duty of the parent or legal guardian to ascertain the facts related to prescription drugs the student is taking and how the use of specific non-prescription drugs will affect the student.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION POLICY

Prescription medications may be administered while the student is in school. A parent must provide a permission slip (provided to parents in the August mailing) as well as the medication in the original pharmacy container with correct labeling.

All medications are kept in a safe, locked medication cart in the health room. The medications must be administered by the health para (or other staff in the event of the absence of the health para.) All medications are recorded as they are dispensed.

The student is not to have any prescription or over the counter meds with them (purses,

file cabinets, pockets, etc.) during the school hours.

In the event of an overnight stay, students must surrender all of their medications to the health para (in a plastic bag, fully labeled). These will accompany a staff member who will be available for distributing the meds while away from home/school. The exception is an inhaler for diagnosed asthma.