



Monument Academ

Board of Directors Governance and Policy

Policy Area: Administration	Policy #: 1529
Title: Administration of Nonsmokeable Medical Marijuana on School Grounds	Adopted: June 21, 2018 Revised: Revised:

Issue Statement

Monument Academy believes many children and adolescents with special health care needs are able to attend school because of the effectiveness of their medication. The health circumstances that require medication are diverse. Pharmaceutical innovations and new technologies to deliver them have enabled most medication-dependent students to be mainstreamed into classes with their peers.

Monument Academy wishes to make reasonable accommodations to allow for the safe administration for all prescribed medications including nonsmokeable medical marijuana.

Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) Requirements

As stated in CRS 22-1-119.3., policy for student possession and administration of prescription medication - rules - definition. (3) (d.5) (i) medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form shall not be administered at a school pursuant to this subsection (3)(d.5) unless a written plan for the administration of medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form is agreed to and signed by the school principal or his or her designee and a parent or legal guardian.

The statute goes on to state that a school may adopt policies regarding reasonable parameters of the administration and use of medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form upon the grounds of the preschool or primary or secondary school in which the student is enrolled.

Policy Concerns

The concern is that Monument Academy may be pressured to administer nonsmokeable medical marijuana to students on campus, in what appears to be direct violation of the Colorado Nurse Practice Act. Due to the wording of this bill is permissive rather than a

mandate, there seems to be some concern that our school nurse will be put between the families of students and his/her professional practice.

While this bill allows the administration of nonsmokeable marijuana on school grounds under state law, it does not address federal law. If federal law were enforced, Monument Academy could lose some or all federal funding.

Policy Statement

- A. Parents/Guardians must submit a written plan for the administration of medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form and that plan must be agreed to and signed by the School Nurse, Principal, or his or her designee and the parent or legal guardian of the covered student.
- B. Parents/Guardians must submit a written medical marijuana recommendation that includes the signature of the recommending physician and purpose, recommended dosage, frequency, and length of time between dosages of the medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form to be administered.
- C. Parents/Guardians must submit a written statement releasing the school, and employees and volunteers of the school from liability.
- D. At no time, may any school personnel, including the school nurse or other healthcare professionals or aides administer any form of nonsmokeable medical marijuana to a student on school grounds or at any school-sponsored event.
- E. A student shall not possess or self-administer medical marijuana on school grounds.
- F. A student's parent or a medical professional who accompanies a student to school or to any school-sponsored event shall be permitted to possess and administer nonsmokeable medical marijuana to the student in an appropriate location on school grounds or at any school-sponsored event as stated in the written plan submitted and agreed to item A.
- G. The administering parent must be the student's primary caregiver and/or the administering medical professional must be employed specifically to assist the student in administering medical marijuana.
- H. The location and method of administration of medical marijuana cannot create significant risk to other students.
- I. At no time, may a student's nonsmokeable medical marijuana be stored on school grounds. All doses of the nonsmokeable medical marijuana must be brought onto school grounds by the student's parent or a medical professional and removed after the scheduled dose has been administered.
- J. If the Federal Government requests that the state, district and/or Monument Academy cease and desist execution of activities under this policy at the hazard of losing federal funding, Monument Academy will comply with the federal guidance immediately.

Related Documents

Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-119.3
Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-36-102.5
Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-38-103

Points of Contact

The following positions shall serve as points of contact for the enforcement of this policy: President of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director.