

Parental/Guardian Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes

The district will permit a student who meets Washington's statutory requirements for medical marijuana to consume marijuana-infused products for medical purposes on school grounds/buildings, aboard a school bus, or while attending a school-sponsored events/activities . The district will first verify that the student and parent/guardian meets the statutory requirements by requiring presentation of valid Washington recognition cards for medical marijuana under RCW 69.51A.220 and RCW 69.51A.010.

The district will not store or administer marijuana-infused products for any purpose. The building nurse may oversee the process of compliance with this policy, the building nurse will not provide, administer, or assist the student with the consumption of the marijuana-infused product. The parents/guardian of the student is the only persons who will provide, administer, or assist student with the consumption of the marijuana-infused product. Students will not self-carry or self-administer marijuana for medical purposes or for any other purpose. Administration of a marijuana-infused product by smoking or vaping is strictly prohibited.

The Superintendent or designee will consult building principals to identify a location on school grounds where the parent/guardian can administer a marijuana-infused product to their student, considering feasibility and the needs for privacy. Specifically, a location that does not create risk of disruption to the educational environment or exposure to other students or staff members. The district discourages parental/guardian administration of marijuana-infused products on a school bus. However, the district acknowledges that there will be circumstances where parental/guardian administration of a marijuana infused product on a school bus is necessary; therefore, the Superintendent or designee will establish procedures to address such circumstances. When a school-sponsored even/activity occurs at another Washington State public school, the location identified by that school district will serve as the location for parental/guardian administration of a marijuana-infused produce. The Superintendent or designee will establish procedures to address circumstances where a school-sponsored event/activity occurs in a place of public accommodation in Washington State. However, school-sponsored events/activities that occur outside the State of Washington or on federal property are not subject to Washington State law and cannot be included in the scope of this policy.

After administering the permissible form of medical marijuana to the qualified student, the parents/ guardians will remove any remaining marijuana from school, district grounds, school bus, or school-sponsored event/activity. The district will limit or revoke permission for the parents/ guardians of a qualifying student to administer marijuana for medical purposes if the parents/guardians or qualified student violates this policy or demonstrates an inability to follow this policy's parameters responsibly.

Nothing in this policy requires an accommodation for medical marijuana in the place of employment or diminishes the district's ability to enforce its drug-free school district policy. Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of marijuana inconsistent with this policy will be considered a violation of the district's drug-free schools and subject to school district action.

Cross References: 3416 - Medication at School
 5201 - Drug-Free Schools, Community, and Workplace

Legal References: Chapter 69.51A RCW – Medical Cannabis

 RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools - Administration
 of medication — Conditions

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