

## **Administration of Medication Policy**

### **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to authorize personnel of Bonneville Academy to administer medication to students consistent with applicable law, as well as detail the school's policy on students being administered medication while at school.

### **2.0 Definition**

We Bonneville Academy's Board of Directors acknowledges that medication should typically be administered by a student or the student's parent or guardian. However, the Board recognizes that situations could arise where the health of a student may require administration of medication during the course of a school day by School personnel.

As long as authorized personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner, Utah law provides that school personnel who provide assistance in substantial compliance with a student's licensed health care provider's written statement are not liable civilly or criminally for any adverse reaction suffered by the student as a result of taking the medication or discontinuing the administration of medication. The Board hopes that this policy will help ensure that Bonneville Academy personnel act in a prudent and responsible manner in order to protect the health of students and the interests of school personnel.

### **3.0 Policy Content**

Administration of Medication by School Personnel Bonneville Academy will comply with applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to Utah Code Ann. §53A-11-601, regarding the administration of medication to students by school personnel. Accordingly, pursuant to this policy, authorized Bonneville Academy personnel may provide assistance in the administration of medication to students of the school during periods of time when the student is under the school's control.

Bonneville Academy Personnel will only administer prescription and over the counter medications to students who have obtained a signed and completed Student Medication Form, including the health care provider section detailing instructions for administering by school personnel.

Glucagon is an emergency diabetic medication used to raise blood sugar. Bonneville Academy will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §53A-11-604 in the event the school receives a glucagon authorization request from the parent or guardian of a student. Bonneville Academy will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§26-41-101, et seq., regarding emergency injection for anaphylactic reactions, in the event any school personnel seeks to

become a "qualified adult" under that provision.

The Director will comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §53A-11-603.5 regarding the emergency administration of seizure rescue medications, in the event any School personnel seeks to become a “qualified adult” under that provision.

The Director will establish administrative procedures that comply with applicable laws in order to set guidelines for when and how this will take place.

The Director will consult with the local health department and/or a registered health care professional as needed for assistance in developing procedures and training necessary for effective implementation of this policy. Bonneville Academy’s Executive Director will ensure that school personnel and parents are provided with information about this policy as needed.

### **Self-Administration of Medication by Students**

Due to the liabilities associated with allowing students to administer their own medication and be in possession of said medication while at the school, Bonneville Academy has established the policy that self-administration by students will not be allowed. If students must receive medications while at school, the school administration can be of assistance with administering, pending a note from the doctor and/or parent allowing them to administer those medicines. (See note below)

As an exception, self-administration is allowed if the student could experience conditions that are considered life threatening if the medication is not available and administered by the student or administrator in a timely manner. (For example: Severe Allergies, Severe Asthma, Diabetes, etc.) Doctor and parent note will need to be filled out, returned, and kept in student’s file.