



**Art & Science Academy Charter School
MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**

3.1 Medications

In order to protect the health and safety of all ASA students, student use, handling and storage of prescribed and over the counter medications must comply with all aspects of this policy and the accompanying procedures.

A Physician's Order is required for all prescription medications brought to the ASA Campus. All medications both prescribed and over the counter, must be checked in with the school health aide.

No medication may be carried or taken in the classroom without explicit written authorization from the Health Office or health aide. Some students (with asthma or allergy for example) may be directed to keep medication with them at all times.

The administration will prepare and disseminate the rules and procedures necessary to implement this policy and ensure the safety of students.

Misuse of medications or other failure to comply with the Medication Policy and procedures may be considered a violation of the Chemical Use Policy. Strict adherence to the Medication Policy and procedures is required.

Medication Procedures

1. All medications brought on campus must be checked in at the Health Office.
2. Prescription medications, such as narcotics/analgesics, stimulants, anti-psychotics, miscellaneous medications for central nervous system drugs, antidepressants, and antitussives (with codeine), will be stored in the nurse office at all times and dispersed to students as prescribed. Students must see the nurse or designated staff when medications are needed.
 - a. Medication to be taken at any time while on the ASA campus must be checked in at the Health office
 - b. A Medication Administration Log will be kept for each medication retained in the Nurse office.
 - c. Asthmatic students are required to keep their inhaler with them at all times while on

campus. Students with certain allergies that may require use of an EpiPen are required to keep an EpiPen with them at all times also. 911 will likely be called if a student has an allergy or asthma attack and does not have the respective EpiPen or inhaler readily available. Although inhalers and EpiPens are allowed at ASA and on most school campuses, medications for asthma or severe allergies must also be checked in with the nurse. An extra inhaler or asthma medications and EpiPen may be kept in nurse office for back up.

3. If the student's prescription medication has been changed or discontinued, the parent or student must contact the Health Office. Parent/Guardian confirmation is required on all medication changes.
4. The ultimate decision for self-administration of any medication, prescription or over-the-counter while on the ASA campus, is at the Health Office's discretion.
5. All prescription medications must be brought to the Health Office in the original pharmacy container. Student compliance with the Medication Procedures will be monitored. Misuse of medications or non-compliance with the medication policy may be considered a violation of the Chemical Use Policy.