

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: DIVISION OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS

A. PURPOSE

To provide for the administration of medical cannabis to qualifying Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) students as required by and in accordance with State law.

B. ISSUE

The administration of medical cannabis to an AACPS student who is a qualifying medical cannabis patient during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, and on a school bus or other school vehicle is authorized by State law in an effort to facilitate a student's continuity of medical care and access to education. State law ensures that students who are being treated with medical cannabis will be able to attend school and participate in school activities while continuing treatment, which cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of school hours.

C. POSITION

1. An AACPS student who is a qualifying medical cannabis patient may obtain medical cannabis only through the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), a caregiver, or a designated school staff member authorized to administer medical cannabis to the student in accordance with State law.
2. A designated school staff member authorized to administer medical cannabis to a student is not required to register with the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission. A designated school staff member may only administer to a student who is a qualifying medical cannabis patient medical cannabis that is obtained through the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) or caregiver and in accordance with the dosing, timing, and delivery route instructions as provided by the certifying provider's written instructions.
3. A parent/guardian or caregiver may administer medical cannabis to a student who is a qualifying medical cannabis patient on school property, during school-sponsored activities, or while on a school bus or other school vehicle.

4. A school nurse may not be required to administer medical cannabis to a student who is a qualifying medical cannabis patient.
5. AACPS shall develop training on the administration of medical cannabis in schools.
6. Notwithstanding any other provision in this policy, the administration of medical cannabis is prohibited at an AACPS school that is located on federal property until such time that federal law permits the administration of medical cannabis at a school that is located on federal property.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted on 11/17/21

Note Previous Policy History: None

Legal References: Section 7-446 of the Education Article; Section 13-3301 of the Health General Article