

236 HEALTH AND WELFARE

Once a student is enrolled in Oasis Academy, all lifesaving measures available will be undertaken for all children while present at school, or attending or participating in school-sponsored activities. First aid is the immediate and temporary care given until medical care can be obtained.

The school administrator is responsible for ensuring the appropriate management of any injury or illness occurring while a student is on school property, attending or participating in school-sponsored activities. The school nurse oversees the functioning of the health clinic and the adherence to school health policies and procedures. The school nurse provides continued, appropriate supervision and instruction to school personnel on emergency care, standard precautions, blood borne pathogens, first aid management, and assisting students with prescribed medications. The clinical aide is responsible for the first aid and care of sick or injured children and works under the direction of the school nurse in those areas pertaining to health services. First aid supplies must be readily available to all staff. The clinic must be stocked to meet the first aid needs.

All school personnel must adhere to standard precautions when handling body fluids.

ILLNESS AND INJURIES

In preparation for potential illness and injuries the school shall

1. Keep records of the students' health status and the students' emergency phone numbers current at all times and
2. Post emergency telephone numbers conspicuously near the clinic phone, e.g., 911 and poison control.

If a student is not seriously ill or injured, e.g., simple abrasion, headache, stomachache, etc., the illness or injury may be handled at school. In these cases the following procedures apply:

1. The parents should be notified as soon as practical.
2. A child is not to be sent home without establishing the procedures for checking students out of school and determining the availability of proper supervision in the home.
3. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are primarily responsible for the transport and welfare of their child.

If a student is very seriously ill or injured, e.g., head injury with loss of consciousness, compound fractures, etc., follow appropriate first aid procedures and call 911 immediately.

For serious, but less severe illnesses and injuries, the school nurse will determine the method of transport if s/he is on site. If the school nurse is not on the site, this responsibility will shift to the administrator. If the situation warrants it, the parent(s) or guardian(s) may be contacted to make decisions concerning where and how to transport the child. The nature of the injury or

illness in terms of severity will dictate whether or not time can be taken to reach parent(s) or guardian(s).

For all serious illness and injuries the following apply:

1. Efforts to locate and notify parent(s) or guardian(s) must continue until successful or until responsibility for the welfare of the student has been assumed by an agency such as an ambulance or emergency medical response service, hospital, physician, or Child Protective Services. Once the student has been transported for medical care, or remanded to Child Protective Services, efforts to locate parent(s) or guardian(s) must continue until successful notification has been completed.
2. In absence of a parent or guardian, a responsible certified school employee is to accompany the student to the hospital and remain with the student until the parent(s) or guardian(s) or designee arrives or until responsibility for the student's welfare had been assumed by another agency.
3. Copies of the student's health record, which includes health status, immunization status and other pertinent health information, must be available for emergency personnel. Medic Alert identification must be checked.

DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS (DNR)

Oasis Academy has the obligation under state law to make educational services available to students regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, or disability under NRS 386.580. Oasis Academy has an obligation under the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and state law to provide educational services to students with disabilities who are the legal responsibility of public schools, and to provide reasonable accommodations that would permit students with disabilities to access the services provided by the schools.

Oasis Academy has the obligation to provide a free and appropriate public education to students with identified disabilities under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and state law. This must include special education and related support services reasonably calculated to provide the student with some educational benefit.

Under this act, once a student is enrolled in Oasis Academy, all lifesaving measures available will be undertaken for all children while present at school, or attending or participating in school-sponsored activities. Thus, the school and its officials are required to provide emergency care to any student in need of such care and, if necessary, to obtain transportation for that student to the closest medical facility for further treatment.

A refusal by appropriate certified school staff to provide life-sustaining emergency care to a student in need of such care would be a denial of related support services and reasonable accommodations that are necessary for the student to benefit from his or her education and would constitute a discontinuation of further educational services based solely on the student's disability. A decision to forego life-sustaining emergency care in a particular situation is a medical determination that cannot be made by school staff and has not been authorized by state law in the public school setting. Permitting a student to die in public school during school hours

when school officials have the capacity to prevent that death through life-sustaining emergency care would be extremely disruptive and disturbing to other students and staff at the school.

Therefore, Oasis Academy policy regarding the provision of life-sustaining emergency care is as follows:

1. Appropriately trained staff members whose responsibilities include the provision of life-sustaining emergency care shall take all reasonable steps to provide such care to any student on school grounds in need of life-sustaining emergency care and shall attempt to contact an ambulance or emergency medical response service or agency in accordance with regular school policies to secure the speedy transportation of the student to an appropriate medical facility.
2. Oasis Academy shall not comply with directives from parents or others that life-sustaining emergency care should not be provided to any particular student in need of such care while under the control and supervision of the school.
3. Oasis Academy shall consider requests for alternative forms of life-sustaining emergency care, but those requests must be supported by written medical substantiation from the child's doctor. Determination shall be made on such requests by a team of persons at the school who are knowledgeable about the child. This team may seek additional outside information when necessary for a decision. Any determination made on such a request must be based on the likelihood that the chosen form of life-sustaining emergency care shall maintain the child's life until an ambulance arrives or the student is otherwise transported to the care of medical personnel.
4. For purposes of this policy, "life-sustaining emergency care" means any procedure or intervention applied by appropriately trained school staff that may prevent a student from dying, who, without such procedure or intervention, faces a risk of imminent death. Examples of life-sustaining emergency care may include: efforts to stop bleeding, unblocking airways, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

MEDICATION DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

The following provisions apply to both prescription and over-the-counter medication:

1. Students in Grades 6 through 12
 - A. With the written permission of a parent/guardian, students may self-medicate with over-the-counter medication. Medication must be properly labeled at all times. Written permission must be on file at the office. Under no circumstances may a student provide medication to any other student.
 - B. Students in Grades 6 through 12 who do not have written permission to self-medicate or who are taking prescription medication must follow the requirements of Subsection 2 ("Students in Grades K through 5").
2. Students in Grades K through 5

- A. Parents/Guardians should make every effort to avoid the necessity of medicating students during the school day. Whenever possible, medication schedules should be developed to provide for the administration of medication before or after school hours.
 - B. When medication is required during the school day, trained personnel will assist students to take their medication.
 - C. Any parent/guardian requesting Oasis Academy assist his/her child with medication must provide to the school a completed “Parent/Guardian Request for Medication Assistance”. For prescription medication the pharmacy label represents the licensed prescribing practitioner’s order. For over-the-counter medication, a copy of the prescription or order from a licensed prescribing practitioner is required.
 - D. No school employee may assist students to take medication that has not been prescribed or ordered by a licensed prescribing practitioner. This prohibition applies to prescription and over-the-counter medications.
 - E. Medication must be stored in a locked location. Exception: Injectable epinephrine shall be stored in the health office in a secure location which will remain unlocked during the regular school day. The medication shall be kept at all times in a labeled container which includes the name of the student, the name and dosage of the medication, the name of licensed prescribing practitioner, and the instructions for administration.
 - F. Separate “Parent/Guardian Request for Medication Assistance” is required for each medication.
 - G. Any change from the current medication requires a new “Parent/Guardian Request for Medication Assistance” and a new prescription or order from the licensed prescribing practitioner.
3. Self-Administration of Emergency Medications for Asthma and Anaphylaxis

If a student carries medication for self-treatment of either of these conditions, he/she may continue to do so under the following guidelines, as stated in NRS 392.425:

- A. The parent/guardian has submitted a written request that the student carry and self-administer the medication.

- B. The physician has provided a signed statement indicating the student has asthma or anaphylaxis and is capable of self-administration of medication.
 - C. The parent/guardian acknowledges in writing that under Nevada law no additional school duties are created and that the school, its agents and employees are immune from liability for injury to the student as a result of any self-administration of the medication or failure of the student to self-administer the medication.
4. Proper Disposal of Medications, Needles, Syringes, Injectable Medications, and Lancets
- A. The school health office must have a sharps container, which is accessible for student use. When not in use, the sharps container must be stored in a secured or locked location.
 - B. Disposal of sharps and medications must be performed in accordance with procedures developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Nevada State Board of Health, and the State Pharmacy Board.

Oasis Academy
PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR MEDICATION ASSISTANCE
SCHOOL YEAR _____

Name of Student: _____ Birthdate: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Licensed Health Care Provider: _____ Phone #: _____

1. I request that personnel from Oasis Academy assist my child with the medication noted below.
2. I have read and do understand policies regarding medication during the school day as noted on the back of this form.
3. I request that medication assistance be provided in accordance with the current prescription(s) from a licensed health care provider. I will notify the school if the health status of my child changes or if the licensed health care provider changes.
4. I agree to provide medication containers which have current, accurate pharmacy label in place. If the medication changes in any way I will provide a new label.
5. If the school nurse has any questions regarding the medication, I understand that the parent/guardian, the licensed health care provider, and/or pharmacist will be contacted before the medication is given.
6. Oasis Academy is authorized to send home or destroy the medication upon expiration of the prescription, completion of the medication treatment, or completion of this school year, whichever occurs first.
7. I authorize my child to be photographed for identification purposes. I understand that his photograph will be used for the express purpose of accurate identification during medication assistance. I further understand that the use of a photograph for this purpose is optional for the school.
8. The school is authorized to secure emergency medical services for my child whenever the need for such services is deemed necessary by the school personnel.
9. I hereby give permission for exchange of confidential information in the record of my child between the licensed health care provider prescribing the medication and the school nurse.

In consideration of the permission granted to my child or ward by Oasis Academy to take medication during school hours. I hereby release Oasis Academy, its agents and employees from all actions, causes of action, damages, claims, or demands which I, my child, or my child's heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have against Oasis Academy and its employees, administrators, volunteers or agents from all injuries known or unknown which my child may incur by, or arise from, the administration of the following medication: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

Telephone Number: _____

OASIS ACADEMY PERSONNEL TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Name of Medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Time(s) to be Given: _____ Purpose: _____

Prescribing Licensed Health Care Provider: _____

School Nurse Signature

Date

Signature of Person Completing This Section

Date

THIS RELEASE EXPIRES AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Under NRS 392.430, the governing body of Oasis Academy may adopt and enforce rules that are necessary for sanitation in Oasis Academy and for the prevention of contagious and infectious diseases, and spend money to enforce the rules among indigent children.

1. A student suspected of having a communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from school until an appropriate medical authority determines that the student is not a health or safety threat to other students or staff members.
2. Once a student has been determined by an appropriate medical authority to not be a health or safety threat, he or she is to be educated in the regular school environment.
3. If an appropriate medical authority determines that a student is a health or safety threat to other students and staff, that student will be excluded from the regular school environment. Instructional provision must be made for the excluded student. Alternative instruction may include, but not be limited to the following: homebound teaching or hospital instruction.
4. Confidentiality shall be observed with students suspected of having or diagnosed with a communicable disease. The identity of the student, parent(s), or guardian(s) shall only be made available to persons with a direct need to know the identity of the student, parent(s), or guardian(s).

Legal References:

The Federal Rehabilitation Act
The Americans with Disabilities Act
NRS 386.580
NRS 392.430