

Policy: Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students During School Hours



Medical marijuana should be only administered to students during school hours when the administration cannot reasonably be accomplished outside of those hours. In those limited circumstances when it is medically necessary, administration of medical marijuana to qualified students shall be in accordance with this policy.

If the Federal government indicates that the University of Florida's or P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School's Federal funds are jeopardized by this policy or asks the University of Florida or P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School to cease and desist the implementation of this policy, P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School declares that this policy shall be suspended immediately and that the administration of any type of medical marijuana to qualified students during school hours shall not be permitted. P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School will comply with any Federal guidance or directives related to this policy. P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School shall post notice of such policy suspension and prohibition in a conspicuous place on its website.

A. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. "Qualified student" means a student who is a resident of this state who has been added to the medical marijuana use registry by a qualified physician to receive marijuana for medical use and who has a qualified patient identification card.
2. "Caregiver" means a person at least twenty-one (21) years of age and a resident of this state who has agreed to assist with a qualified patient's medical use of marijuana, has a caregiver identification card and meets the requirements set forth in section 381.986(6), F.S.
3. "Checkout" means a parent or authorized caregiver taking physical control and authority over a student, removing the student from the control and authority of the school.
4. "Marijuana" means all parts of any plant of the genus cannabis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or its seeds or resin, including low-THC cannabis,

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which are dispensed from a medical marijuana treatment center for medical use by a qualified patient.

5. “Permissible type of medical marijuana products” means non-inhalable products such as oils, tinctures, edible products or lotions that can be administered and fully ingested or absorbed in a short period of time. Due to the potential for misuse, vapors, patches, or other types of administration that continue to deliver medical marijuana to a student while at school are NOT permitted.

B. Prohibitions

1. School nurses, healthcare personnel, and every other member of P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School staff are NOT permitted to administer, store, hold, or transport medical marijuana in any way, shape, or form. Medical marijuana will **NOT** be stored on the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School property, including school grounds, at any time.
2. Medical marijuana **CANNOT** be administered to a qualifying student while aboard a school bus or at a school-sponsored event.
3. At no time shall the qualifying student have medical marijuana in his/her possession.

C. Procedures for Administration of Medical Marijuana During School Hours

1. A copy of the qualified student’s valid registration form for medical marijuana must be provided to the school or the checkout will not be excused.
2. Any caregiver seeking access to P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School property for purposes of this policy must comply with P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School policy and procedures concerning visitors to the school.
3. The caregiver shall be responsible for checking out the student, administering the medical marijuana to the student while under the authority and control of the caregiver, checking the student back into school, and then

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immediately removing the permissible type of medical marijuana from the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School property.

Failure to abide by this policy and all other applicable policies may result in the student receiving discipline consistent with the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School's Code of Student Conduct and this policy (Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students During School Hours) will no longer result in an excused absence during a checkout. In addition, the caregiver may be banned from the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School property for at least one (1) year.

P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School remains an alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free workplace.