1. Standards for Administering Medication at School

All medications administered to students shall be FDA-approved pharmaceuticals administered within their approved dosage and within standards of acceptable medical regimen. Research pharmaceuticals may be administered if they are a part of a University Institutional Review Board-approved protocol. Intravenous (IV) medications and treatments shall not be administered by Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School personnel.

1. Authorized Personnel

Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School employees shall not give any student prescription medication, nonprescription medication, herbal substances, or dietary supplements of any type, except as provided below. Employees authorized by the Superintendent or designee may administer to students:

1. *Administering Prescription Medication*

Prescription medication upon written request to administer the medication from the student’s parent, guardian, or other person having legal control of the student. When administering prescription medication, the medication must be administered either:

1. From a container that appears to be from the original container and properly labeled; or
2. From a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse from a container that appears to be the original container and to be properly labeled.

All prescription medications shall have been prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States. All medications shall have been manufactured in the United States.

*Texas Department of State Health Services Guide to Medication Administration in the School Setting*

1. *Administering Nonprescription Medication*
2. *Nonprescription Medication Administered upon Parent Request*

When properly labeled and in the original container; nonprescription medication may be administered by authorized Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School personnel upon a parent’s written request, or if required by the individualized education program (“IEP”) or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities.

1. *Nonprescription Medication Administered on Emergency Basis*

Authorized Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School personnel may administer nonprescription medication on an emergency basis and consistent with protocols established by Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School’s medical adviser.

1. Parental Consent and Parental Notice. Parental consent is not required for the administration of nonprescription medication on an emergency basis under this policy, but a parent or guardian may provide written notice to a campus principal or designee if conditions exist in which their child should not receive epinephrine or an opioid antagonist medication. The school shall provide notice to parents regarding this policy, including notice of any change to or discontinuation of this policy.
2. Epinephrine. The Board authorizes school personnel who have agreed in writing and been adequately trained to administer an unassigned epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with law and this policy. Administration of epinephrine shall only be permitted when an authorized and trained individual reasonably believes a person is experiencing anaphylaxis.
3. Opioid Antagonist Medication. The Board authorizes school personnel who have agreed in writing and been adequately trained to administer an Opioid Antagonist Medication in accordance with law and this policy. Administration of an Opioid Antagonist Medication, such as Narcan, shall only be permitted when an authorized and trained individual reasonably believes a person is experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
4. Purchase of Non-Assigned Emergency Medication. The Board authorizes purchase of Epinephrine and Opioid Antagonist Medication for use in a manner consistent with this policy and determines that such purchases are necessary in the conduct of the public school.
5. Administrative Regulations Required. The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to manage the implementation of this policy in accordance with law and best practices disseminated by medical professionals, law enforcement, state and federal health agencies, and other credible health organizations. The administrative regulations shall address administering the authorized medication, training requirements for authorized staff, the process for the acquisition or purchase of the authorized medication, and the maintenance, expiration, disposal, and availability of the authorized medication at each campus.
6. *Herbal Substances or Dietary Supplements*

Herbal substances or dietary supplements may be administered by authorized Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School personnel **only if** required by the IEP or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities.

1. *Provision of Medication Off-Campus at School-Sponsored Events*

For any Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School student attending a field trip or off-campus school-sponsored event, any prescription medication that Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School is required to administer under this policy shall be sent with the student’s teacher or another staff member trained in the proper administration of medication and who has been authorized to administer medication by the Superintendent or designee, along with instructions on the administration of the medication.

In addition to trained and authorized Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School teacher(s) and/or nurse(s), a licensed physician in Texas, a registered nurse licensed in Texas, or a vocational nurse licensed in Texas may serve as a Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School volunteer to administer prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with this policy when on field trips and/or off-campus or on school-sponsored events. Prior to being allowed to do so, such individuals must meet with the school nurse for instruction and training on administration of medication for applicable students.

Nonprescription medication(s) generally are not administered by Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School during field trips and/or off-campus or on school-sponsored events.

In the event of an emergency medical situation involving a Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School student for which no Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School employee was previously aware and that occurs during a field trip and/or during an off-campus, school-sponsored event when no school nurse is present, emergency medical services shall immediately be notified by any Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School employee in attendance.

1. Psychotropics

Except as permitted by Education Code 38.016, a Henry Ford Academy Alameda School for Art + Design Charter School employee shall not:

1. Recommend to a student, parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
2. Suggest a particular diagnosis; or
3. Exclude the student from a class or a school-related activity because of the parent’s refusal to consent to psychiatric evaluation or examination or treatment of the student.

*Education Code 38.016*.