

Parental Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes

ESD 112 permits individuals who participate in ESD programs, who meet Washington's statutory requirements for medical marijuana to consume marijuana-infused products for medical purposes on program grounds, aboard an ESD 112 bus, or while attending a program-sponsored event in accordance with this policy. Anyone wishing to use medical marijuana must provide evidence they meet the statutory requirements, which includes presenting a valid Washington recognition card for medical marijuana under RCW 69.51A.220.

ESD 112 will not store or administer marijuana-infused products for any purpose. An ESD nurse may oversee the process of compliance with this policy or with school district policies in school districts where ESD nurses provide services. However, ESD nurses will not provide, administer, or assist a student or program participant with the consumption of the marijuana-infused product. The parents or guardians of students or program participants are the only persons who may provide, administer, or assist their children with the consumption of the marijuana-infused product. Students and ESD program participants are not allowed to carry or administer marijuana on ESD property or in an ESD program. Smoking marijuana-infused products is also strictly prohibited.

ESD 112 discourages parental administration of marijuana-infused products on board an ESD 112 bus. However, there may be circumstances where parental administration of a marijuana infused product on board an ESD 112 bus is necessary.

The Superintendent will consult program managers to identify locations where the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in an ESD program can administer a marijuana-infused product. The location selected shall not create risk of disruption to the educational environment or exposure to other students. Parent or guardian administration of medical marijuana, acceptable locations, and administration of marijuana infused products on ESD 112 buses or vehicles, must comply with the procedures adopted by the Superintendent. The procedures adopted by the Superintendent also will address circumstances where a program-sponsored event occurs in a place of public accommodation in Washington.

After administering the permissible form of medical marijuana to their child, the parents or guardian will remove any remaining marijuana from program grounds, the ESD 112 bus or vehicle or the ESD program-sponsored event. ESD 112 may limit or revoke permission for the parents or guardian of a qualifying student to administer marijuana for medical purposes if the parents or guardian or qualified student violates this policy or demonstrates an inability to follow this policy's parameters responsibly.

When the ESD program is provided in a school district, parental administration of marijuana for medical purposes may occur but only in accordance with the school district policy and procedure. Administration of marijuana-infused products in a Washington public school is only allowed in the location identified by that school.

Nothing in this policy requires an accommodation for medical marijuana in the place of employment or diminishes ESD 112's ability to enforce its drug-free workplace policy.

Student or ESD program participant possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of marijuana inconsistent with this policy may be subject to ESD 112 action.

Legal References: Chapter 69.51A RCW – Medical Cannabis
RCW 28A.210.260 Public and private schools - Administration of medication — Conditions

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