

## **Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts Administration of Medications to Students**

The administration of medications to students in schools is limited by the Nurse Practice Act (Article 139 of the Education Law) and NYSED guidance. Generally, unlicensed staff in the school setting who are trained by either an RN or the medical director may assist self-directed students with the taking of their own oral, topical and inhalant medication. However, only the RN, medical director or other appropriately licensed health care personnel, (excluding LPNs whose scope of practice does not include assessment) can make the determination that a student is self-directed.

### **Self-Directed v. Non Self-Directed Students**

The nurse at Renaissance Academy will determine the capability of students to self-administer their daily medications. If students are deemed able, the CEO or her designee will direct them. For students who are not able, the parents will be notified and asked to come in to administer the medication. As a failsafe parents will be asked to submit a letter at the beginning of the year identifying a designee who can administer the medication in their absence.

The administration of oral, topical or inhalant medications to non self-directed students, along with injectable medications to anyone may not be performed by school staff and must remain the responsibility of the school nurse or a licensed practical nurse, which is under the direction of a RN or physician. The nurse at Renaissance Academy will train a number of staff members to administer a student specific order for the individual student's epinephrine in an auto-injectable form ("epi-pen") in the event of an emergency where an appropriately licensed person is not available. In the event when it is necessary, the school nurse will train unlicensed individuals to administer glucagon, prescribed by a licensed prescriber, in emergency situations where an appropriately licensed person is not available. Daily medication will be locked and stored within the Health office.