SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA AND/OR ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATION BY STUDENTS

The Board of Trustees permits the possession and self-administration of prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medications by students provided that the prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication has been prescribed for that student as indicated by the prescription label on the medication; the self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student’s physician or other licensed health care provider; and parents or guardians have given to the principal written authorization, signed by the parent or guardian, for self-administration of asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication while on school property or at a school-related event or activity. Parents must also provide a written statement from the student’s health care practitioner that indicates that the student has asthma and/or anaphylaxis and has been instructed in the self-administration of asthma medications. The statement from the health care practitioner shall also contain the name and purpose of the medication, the prescribed dosage, the time or times the medication is to be regularly administered and under what additional special circumstances the medication must be administered, and the length of time for which the medication is prescribed. These two statements must be kept on file in the principal’s office.

The school district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury sustained by the student from the self-administration of asthma and/or anaphylaxis medications. The parent or guardian of the student who self-administers asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication shall sign a statement acknowledging that the school incurs no liability and that the parent or guardian indemnifies and holds harmless the school and its employees against any claims relating to the self-administration of asthma medication, unless in cases of wanton or willful misconduct. The permission for self-administration of medication shall be effective only for the school year in which it is granted. Parents must annually renew the permission form for self-administration with the same requirements that are listed above.

Once the parent has complied with the requirements as noted above, the student may possess and use asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication at school, at a school-sponsored activity under the supervision of school personnel, or before and after normal school activities while on school properties including school-sponsored childcare or after school programs. Students should not share their medication with other students.

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