

ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATION

The Board of Trustees permits the possession and administration of prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medications according to the requirements of this policy.

DEFINITIONS:

1. "Parent" means the parent or legal guardian.
2. "Auto-injectable epinephrine" means a medical device for the immediate administration of epinephrine to a person at risk for anaphylaxis.
3. "Asthma and anaphylaxis medication" means inhaled bronchodilator and auto-injectable epinephrine.
4. "Self-administration of prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication" means a student's discretionary use of prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication.

A student with asthma and/or anaphylaxis is entitled to possess and self-administer prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication while on school property, on school-provided transportation, or at a school-related event or activity if:

1. The prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication has been prescribed for that student as indicated by the prescription label on the medication;
2. 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
3. A parent or guardian of the student provides to the school:
 - a. Written authorization, signed by the parent or guardian, for the student to self-administer prescription asthma and/or anaphylaxis medication while on school property or at a school-related event or activity;
 - b. A written statement, signed by the parent, in which the parent releases the school district and its employees and agents from liability for any injury arising from the student's self-administration of prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medication while on school property or at a school-related event or activity except in cases of wanton or willful misconduct.
 - c. A written statement from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider, signed by the physician or provider, that states:
 - i. That the student has asthma or anaphylaxis and is capable of self-administering prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medication;
 - ii. The name and purpose of the medication;
 - iii. The prescribed dosage for the medication;
 - iv. The times at which or circumstances under which the medication may be administered; and

- v. The period for which medication is prescribed.
 - d. The physician's statement must be kept on file in the office of the school nurse of the school the student attends or if there is not a school nurse in the office of the principal of the school the student attends.
4. If a student uses his/her medication in a manner other than prescribed, he/she may be subject to disciplinary action under the school codes. The disciplinary action shall not limit or restrict the student's immediate access to the medication.
5. The school board authorizes the school nurse or trained school employee to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student who the school nurse or trained school employee, in good faith, believes is having an anaphylactic reaction, whether or not the student has a prescription for epinephrine.

SOURCE: Jackson Public School District

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