

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

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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

- 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.

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