

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATIONS

Asthma is an inflammatory disease of the respiratory tract. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction that may involve systems of the entire body. Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical treatment and follow-up care by an allergist/immunologist.

It is the policy of the board of directors that students with asthma or anaphylaxis are afforded the opportunity to self-administer prescribed medications. The students' parent or guardian shall submit a written request and other documentation required by the school. The student's prescribing health care provider must provide a written treatment plan.

The student must demonstrate to the school's professional registered nurse that the student is competent to possess and self-administer prescribed medications during school and at school sponsored events. If the student is unable to self-administer as requested by the HCP and parent, medications may be carried and administered by a trained personnel.

The superintendent is directed to establish procedures that implement this policy and follow emergency rescue procedures outlined in the most recent edition of *AMES: Asthma Management in Educational Settings*, in cases of suspected asthma and the emergency rescue procedures outlined in the most current Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's *Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis (2009)* in cases of suspected anaphylaxis.

Cross References:

- 3420 - Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response
- 3416 - Medication at School
- 2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- 2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

