



Student Carried Medication: Inhalers/Epipens

Oklahoma law and Muskogee Public School policies allow certain school employees to administer medications as long as specific guidelines are followed. Oklahoma law does not address physician approved student carried and self-administered medication other than inhalers and Epipens. When physicians and parents request that medication be student carried and self-administered, this policy will be followed.

• **Carrying medication or self-administration of medication without specific prior permission is strictly prohibited.**

• Only medications that are considered life sustaining such as inhalers, or epi-pens may be carried by students 3rd through 12th grade.

• Controlled substances may not be student carried and self-administered under any circumstance. **Designated school personnel must administer controlled substances.**

• No experimental or investigational drug without proper FDA approval or expired medication will be administered at school including medical marijuana, vitamins, or any other medication not FDA approved.

• A completed **Authorization for Student to Carry and Self Administer Inhaler Medication and/or Epipen** form must be on file in your student's school site health office. **A new form is required each school year. In the event of a change in dosage amount or time of administration, a new form must be completed.**

• Prescription Inhaler medication must be in a pharmacy container and properly labelled by a pharmacist or licensed physician. The label must contain the following:

Name of student	Time(s) to be administered
Current date	Physician's name
Name of medication	Pharmacy name and phone number
Dosage	

• Medications may not be self-administered in a manner other than that specified on the label without written instructions from a licensed physician.

• It is the responsibility of the prescribing physician and/or the parent/guardian to educate the student regarding all aspects of self-administration and custody of medications.

• Any student, who carries an approved medication, is responsible for safeguarding that medication. Muskogee Public Schools will not be responsible for monitoring administration, effects, custody, disposal, or any other aspect of student carried medications. These responsibilities rest with the student and parent/guardian.

• The school district and its employees and agents shall incur no liability because of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by any student.

• Permission to carry medication may be withdrawn for failure to comply with any aspect of this policy.