

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 student's parent or guardian will submit a written request and the student's prescribing health care provider's written treatment plan on the form provided.

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. This competence should also be certified by the HCP. This permission would normally start at middle school level (may begin in fourth grade by exception.)

The superintendent will 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 Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's *Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis (2009)* in cases of suspected anaphylaxis.

Legal References

42 U.S.C. 280, Section 399 Public Health Service Act
Chapter 462, Laws of 2005 Relating to the prevention,
diagnosis, and treatment of asthma