

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF METERED-DOSE INHALERS

A physician may recommend that an individual student, with asthma or another potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, assume responsibility for his or her own medication as part of learning self-care. A student may self-administer medication by way of a metered-dose inhaler, provided the following conditions have been met:

- A. The parents/guardians of the student must provide written authorization for the self-administration of medication, a written medical history of the student's experience with the respiratory illness, and a plan of action for addressing any emergency situations that could reasonably be anticipated as a consequence of administering the medication and having the illness.
- B. The parents/guardians of the student must provide written certification from the student's physician that the student has asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illness, and that the student is capable of and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administering the medication and has been informed of the dangers of permitting others to use the student's medication.
- C. The school must inform the parents/guardians of the student, in writing, that the district and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration by the student, absent any negligence by the district, its employees or agents, or as a result of providing all of the above-mentioned relevant information to the school nurse, absent any negligence by the district, its employees or agents, or in the absence of the school nurse, to the school administrator.
- D. The parents/guardians of the student must sign a statement acknowledging that the district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the student's self-administration of medication, and that the parents/guardians shall indemnify the hold harmless the district and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the student's self-administration of medication.

Permission for the student to self-administer medication for asthma or other potentially life-threatening respiratory illness is effective for the school year for which it is granted, and is renewed for each subsequent school year upon meeting the conditions set forth above.

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