

School Medication Policy:

Only staff designated by the board or governing authority who are either licensed health professionals or who have completed a drug administration training program conducted by a licensed health professional are authorized to administer prescribed medications to a student at school.

Before any medication can start or be given at school, a form will be given to you, to be filled out by your child's pediatrician. Once the form is filled out you can either have the doctor's office fax it back to the school or bring it in to the school office. This form can be picked up in the school office.

Your students health and safety is our main priority in this matter.

Medication Administration

All medication administration is governed by the policy adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of this policy can be requested from the principal.

Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.716 students are permitted to possess and use a metered dose or dry powder asthma inhaler to alleviate or prevent asthmatic symptoms at the school.

Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.718(B) and 3314.03(A)(11)(d) students are permitted to carry and use an epinephrine auto-injector to treat anaphylaxis (an intense allergic reaction). For a student to properly possess or use an epinephrine auto injector at the school, written approval from the student's physician and parent must be signed and received by the school.

For medications asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto injectors, written approval by the student's physician must include all information as detailed herein below or as indicated on the Food Allergy Action Plan, if applicable. If a student has a serious food allergy, the parent must complete a Food Allergy Action Plan.

"Written Approval" hereunder must include the following information:

1. The name and address of the student;
2. The name of the school and class in which the student is enrolled;
3. The name of the medication and the dosage to be administered;
4. The times or intervals at which each dosage of the medication is to be administered;
5. The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
6. The date the administration of the medication is to cease (if applicable);
7. Acknowledgement that the physician has determined that the student can possess and using auto injector appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use;
8. Any severe adverse reactions that should be reported to the physician and one or more phone numbers at which the physician can be reached in an emergency;
9. Instructions outlining procedures to follow if the asthma inhaler does not provide adequate relief;
10. A list of adverse reactions that may occur if an individual for whom the asthma inhaler was not intended uses the medication; and
11. At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the physician and one number for contacting the parent
12. Any other special instructions.

Should any information regarding the medication change, the parents must submit a revised written statement. All medications must be in the prescribed container.

The school shall acquire and retain copies of each request and accompanying statement. The statement shall be given to the employee authorized to administer the drug by the next school day after receipt.

The school shall store the medication in a locked location in the school office or other location as determined by School personnel that meets legal requirements for storage. Any drugs that require refrigeration shall be stored in a refrigerator located in a place not commonly used by students.

Professionally trained school staff may administer epinephrine in an emergency, in accordance with the Written Approval and/or the student's Food Allergy Action Plan when emergency medical service providers are not immediately available, and the exigency of the circumstance requires immediate action. School staff will immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider whenever a student is administered epinephrine at the school or at an activity, event, or program sponsored by the school. This request for medical assistance applies whether the student self-administers the medication, or a school staff member administers it to the student.