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MEDICATION POLICY

Except as provided herein, no medication will be administered by the staff at the School, including asthma inhalers, except trained staff are permitted to administer anaphylaxis in emergency situations in accordance with a Food Allergy Action Plan implemented under the Food Allergy Policy.

However, pursuant to the Section 3313.716 of the Ohio Revised Code, students are permitted to possess and use a metered dose or dry powder Asthma Inhaler to alleviate or prevent asthmatic symptoms. In addition, Sections 3313.718(B) and 3314.03(A)(11)(d) of the Ohio Revised code permit a student to carry and use an epinephrine auto-injector, commonly known as an “EpiPen,” to treat anaphylaxis (an intense allergic reaction).

Prior to carrying either an inhaler or an auto-injector: (1) written approval must be obtained from the student’s physician, and, if the student is a minor, from the student’s parent or legal guardian; and (2) the School Administrator and school nurse, if any, must receive copies of the foregoing written approvals.

The physician’s written approval must include the following information:

1. The name and address of the student;
2. The school in which the student is enrolled;
3. The name and dose of the medication contained in the inhaler or auto injector.
4. The name of the drug and the dosage to be administered;
5. The times or intervals at which each dosage of the drug is to be administered;
6. The date the administration of the drug is to begin;
7. The date the administration of the drug is to cease (if applicable);
8. Acknowledgement that the prescriber has determined that the student is capable of possessing and using the auto injector appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use of the auto injector;
9. Any severe adverse reactions that should be reported to the prescriber and one or more phone numbers at which the prescriber can be reached in an emergency;
10. Special instructions for administration of the drug by the student;
11. Instructions outlining procedures to follow if the medication does not provide adequate relief;
12. A list of adverse reactions that may occur to a child for whom the medication was not intended who uses the medication;
13. One or more phone numbers at which the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency; and
14. And any other special instructions.

Trained staff members may administer epinephrine in an emergency situation, in accordance with the Food Allergy Policy and the student’s Food Allergy Action Plan (if any) when emergency medical service providers are not immediately available and the exigency of the circumstance require immediate action.

Staff members will immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider whenever a student is administered epinephrine at a public school or at an activity, event, or program sponsored by the school or in which the school is a participant. This request for medical assistance

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applies whether the student self-administers the medication or a staff member administers medication to the student.