

## Medication Policy

The School does not administer medication (prescription or otherwise) other than as provided in this policy and the School's Food Allergy Policy.

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). In order for a student to properly possess or use an epinephrine autoinjector at the School, written approval from the Student's physician and parent must be signed and received by the School.

For all medications including asthma inhalers and epinephrine autoinjectors, 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 is capable of possessing and using the 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 to an individual for whom the asthma inhaler was not intended uses the medication;
11. At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the physician and one number for contacting the parent/guardian.
12. And any other special instructions.

Should any information regarding the medication change, the parent 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.

Properly trained School staff may administer epinephrine in an emergency situation, 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 require 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 administers it to the student.

### **Students with Diabetes**

All students enrolled in the School will receive appropriate and needed diabetes care in accordance with an order signed by the treating physician. The care includes any of the following:

1. Checking and recording blood glucose levels and ketone levels, or assisting the student with the check.
2. Responding to blood glucose levels outside of the student's target range.
3. Administering glucagon or other prescribed emergency treatment during a case of severe hypoglycemia.
4. Administering or assisting in the administration of insulin
5. Providing oral diabetes medication
6. Understanding schedules and food intake for meals and snacks to calculate medication dosages pursuant to the physician's order.
7. Following the physician's instructions regarding meals, snacks, and physical activity
8. Administering diabetes medication as long as the following conditions are met:
  - a. Administered by a school nurse, or in the absence of a school nurse an employee trained in diabetes care.
    - i. Any training shall be coordinated by a school nurse or a licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes;
    - ii. Each year the training shall take place prior to the beginning of the school year, or as needed, not later than fourteen days after receipt of a physician's order;
    - iii. Any individual who completes the required training shall be considered by the Board as qualified to administer diabetes care.
    - iv. The school nurse or licensed health care professional shall provide follow up training and supervision.
  - b. The school receives a written request with the following information:
    - i. The name and address of the student;
    - ii. The school and class in which the student is enrolled;
    - iii. The name of the drug and the dosage to be administered;

- iv. The times or intervals at which each dosage of the drug is to be administered;
  - v. The date the administration of the drug is to begin;
  - vi. The date the administration of the drug is to cease;
  - vii. 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;
  - viii. Special instructions for administration of the drug, including sterile conditions and storage.
- c. The parent agrees to submit a revised statement upon any changes.
  - d. The person administering the drug has a copy of the statement
  - e. The medication is in the prescribed container

Within fourteen days of receipt of a physician's order regarding a student with diabetes, the School shall inform the student's parent/guardian that the student may be entitled to a 504 plan.

Upon written request of a parent/guardian, a student with diabetes shall be permitted to attend to their own care in accordance with the Physician's order if the student's treating physician determines the student capable of performing the tasks. The student shall be permitted to perform the care tasks in any area and to possess all necessary supplies and equipment. If the student uses the medical equipment for purpose other than the student's own care, the School may revoke the student's permission to attend to their own care.

The School, members of the Board, and employees of the School are not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing care or performing duties associated with diabetes care unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

No later than the last day of December of each year, the School shall report to the Ohio Department of Education, the following information:

1. The number of students with diabetes enrolled during the previous school year.
2. The number of errors associated with the administration of diabetes medication during the previous school year.