

arrangements for self-administration may be made contingent upon physician recommendation, parent/guardian approval and school nurse approval. Unless self-administering, students shall not bring medications to school. Doing so may result in discipline.

No medications, prescription or non-prescription, shall be administered to a student during the school day without the written and dated consent of the student's parent/guardian and physician. Parent/Guardian and physician's permission can be documented on the School District's *Medication Authorization* form or a substitute. Substitute forms must contain all of the required information. These written consents and specifications must be on file in the nurse's office of the school building that the child attends. Copies of the *Medication Authorization* form may be obtained from the health room or on the District's Website link. All permission forms must include written authorization from the parent/guardian and prescribing physician as well as the following information:

- a. Date;
- b. Student's name;
- c. Name of medication;
- d. Correct dosage of medication with instructions on administration;
- e. Time schedule for administering the medication;
- f. Dates the medication is to be taken including a termination date where appropriate;
- g. Possible side effects of medication and procedures to be followed if a reaction occurs.

A school nurse is responsible for approving the administration of medication during the school day. If the nurse has questions about a request for medication, s/he should contact the child's physician or the Chief School Physician to clarify these questions.

The consent of the parent/guardian and physician will be valid only for the period specified on the consent form and in no case longer than the current school year, which shall be defined as ending August 31.

All medications will be administered in accordance with the physician's order by a school nurse. When it is necessary for a nurse to involve non-nursing staff in assisting with the monitoring of medication administration, the designee shall be supervised and properly trained by the school nurse.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for informing the school nurse's office of any change in the medication needs of a student. When any change occurs, the parent/guardian must provide documentation from the prescribing physician to the nurse's office.

<p>4. Student Possession & Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers or other Medications</p>	<p>By requiring written authorization and physician’s orders, the School District hereby asserts that it will incur no liability for the use of unauthorized drugs. Students in possession of prescription or non-prescription drugs that have not been registered with the school nurse will be considered to be in violation of the District’s drug and alcohol policy and will be subject to any disciplinary action appropriate under the District’s discipline code, which could include expulsion. Nurses will keep records of all medications administered. These records will include the student’s name, the name of the medication, the dosage, the date, and the time of the administration.</p> <p>In certain emergency and non-emergency situations specified within the Allentown School District’s Standing Orders for Administration of Medication authorized by the Chief School Physician, designated medications may be administered.</p> <p>In accordance with November 2004 changes to the Pennsylvania School Code, a student may be permitted to possess and self-administer an asthma inhaler for treating acute asthma if authorized by a treating physician. In order for the school nurse’s office to approve the possession of an asthma inhaler by a student, the student’s parent/guardian must first submit to the nurse’s office a <i>Permission to Self-Administer Medication</i> form, or substitute, signed by the student’s parent/guardian and physician, indicating their opinion that the student should be permitted to carry the medication in the school setting.</p> <p>In appropriate and necessary situations, case-by-case arrangements for self-administration of other medications may be made contingent on physician recommendation, parent/guardian approval and school nurse approval.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the <i>Permission to Self-Administer Medication</i> form, the school nurse will assess the student’s capability of self-administration based on the student’s:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cognitive ability and understanding of his/her medication; 2. Ability to measure and independently administer the medication; 3. Demonstration of maturity and reliability in taking and safely carrying medication; 4. Ability to document his/her medication, where necessary. <p>The student must notify the nurse immediately following each use of the asthma inhaler. The student must provide assurance to the school nurse that s/he will not permit any peers to possess or use the asthma inhaler. The School District shall retain the right to restrict a student’s self-use of an inhaler, including through confiscation, if appropriate school policies are abused or ignored.</p>
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	<p>When self-administration is authorized, parents/guardians should know (and are hereby informed) that the School District bears no responsibility for ensuring that the medication is taken. After providing written authorization, a parent/guardian also fully releases the School District from any and all liability relating to the consequences of or arising out of a student's use or non-use of an asthma inhaler.</p>
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