

CISD Health Services

Asthma / Potential Anaphylaxis

A student with asthma or potential anaphylaxis is entitled to possess and self-administer prescription medication (i.e. inhalers, epipens) while on school property or at a school related event or activity IF:

- 1) the prescription asthma / anaphylaxis medication has been prescribed for the student as indicated by the prescription label on the medicine;
- 2) the student has demonstrated to the physician or licensed healthcare provider AND to the school nurse the skill level necessary to self-administer the medication, including proper use of the device;
- 3) the self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider;
- 4) a parent of the student provides the school a written authorization, signed by the parent, for the student to self-administer prescription asthma / anaphylaxis medicine; and
- 5) a parent of the student provides to the school a written statement from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider, signed by the physician or provider, that states:
 - (a) the student has asthma or potential anaphylaxis and is CAPABLE of self-administering the prescribed medication;
 - (b) the name and purpose of the medicine;
 - (c) the prescribed dosage for the medicine;
 - (d) the time at which or circumstances under which the medicine may be administered; and
 - (e) the period for which the medicine is prescribed.

The physician's statement must be kept on file in the office of the campus nurse where the student attends. A person standing in parental relation to a student or the student himself, if over the age of 18, may give permission to use an asthma inhaler under these guidelines.

NOTE:

If a student or parent fails to follow the above guidelines, OR if a student's possession of an inhaler in a classroom compromises the safety of fellow classmates, the student MAY NOT be allowed to carry the inhaler.