

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICATIONS

Asthma is an inflammatory disease of the respiratory tract. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction that may involve systems of the entire body. Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical treatment and follow-up by an allergist/immunologist.

It is the policy of the board of directors that students with asthma or anaphylaxis are afforded the opportunity to self-administer prescribed medications. The students' parent or guardian will submit an "Authorization for Administration of Medication at School" form filled out by a licensed healthcare provider prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority. The form will include name and dosage of the medication, frequency with which it may be administered, possible side effects and circumstances that warrant its use. The licensed health care provider and the parent/guardian will sign and date the form.

The student will demonstrate to the school's professional registered nurse that the student is competent to possess and self-administer prescribed medications during school and at school sponsored events.

The superintendent will establish procedures that implement this policy and follow emergency rescue procedures outlined in the most recent edition of AMES: Asthma Management in Educational Settings, in cases of suspected asthma and the emergency rescue procedures outlined in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis (2009) in cases of suspected anaphylaxis.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Board Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Board Policy 3416	Medication at School
Board Policy 3420	Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response

Legal References:

42 U.S.C. 280	The Public Health and Welfare Act
42 U.S.C. 12212 Section 512	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
34 CFR Part 104	Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973
RCW 28A.210.370	Students with Asthma

RCW 28A.210.380

Anaphylaxis — Policy guidelines — Procedures
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Management Resources:
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