

Administrative Directive Title: Possession and Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers	AD Number: 6.405.3	Adopted: August 2014 Former Descriptor: STU13
Policy References: Board Policy 6.405 - Medication	Revised: 11/24	

- 1 The district will permit the possession and self-administration of a prescribed, metered dosage asthma-
 2 reliever inhaler by any student with asthma if the student’s parent/guardian:
- 3 1. Provides to the school written authorization for student possession and self-administration and
 4 provides a written statement from the prescribing health care practitioner that the student is
 5 diagnosed with asthma and has been instructed in self-administration of the prescribed, metered
 6 dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler.
 - 7 2. The statement must also contain the following information:
 8 a. The name and purpose of the medication;
 9 b. The prescribed dosage;
 10 c. The time or times the prescribed inhaler is to be regularly administered, as well as any
 11 additional special circumstances under which the inhaler is to be administered; and,
 12 d. The length of time for which the inhaler is prescribed.
 - 13 3. This statement shall be kept on file in the school nurse’s office.
- 14 Parents/guardians shall also sign a statement acknowledging that the school shall incur no liability as a
 15 result of any injury sustained by the student or any other person from the possession or self-
 16 administration of the inhaler.
- 17 The permission for self-administration of the prescribed, metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler shall
 18 be effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each following school year
 19 upon fulfilling the requirements set forth in these directives. Upon fulfilling the requirements set forth
 20 in these directives, a student with asthma may possess and use the prescribed, metered dose, asthma-
 21 reliever inhaler when at school, at a school sponsored activity, or before or after normal school activities
 22 while on school property, including school-sponsored childcare or before or after school programs.
- 23 The district may suspend or revoke the student’s possession and self-administration privileges if the
 24 student misuses the inhaler or make the inhaler available for use by another person.

Legal References
 TCA 49-50-1602
Guidelines for Healthcare in a School Setting,
 Office of Coordinated School Health, June 2023