

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: POSSESSION/USE OF ASTHMA
INHALERS/EPINEPHRINE
AUTO-INJECTORS

ADOPTED: July 19, 2011

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| <p>1. Authority SC 1414.1 Pol. 103.1</p> <p>2. Definitions SC 1401</p> <p>3. Guidelines SC 1414.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">210.1. POSSESSION/USE OF ASTHMA INHALERS/EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS</p> <p>The Board shall permit students to possess asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors and to self-administer the prescribed medication in compliance with state law and Board policy.</p> <p>Asthma inhaler shall mean a prescribed device used for self-administration of short-acting, metered doses of prescribed medication to treat an acute asthma attack.</p> <p>Epinephrine auto-injector shall mean a prescribed disposable drug delivery system designed for the self-administration of epinephrine to provide rapid first aid for persons suffering the effects of anaphylaxis.</p> <p>Self-administration shall mean a student’s use of medication in accordance with a prescription or written instructions from a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.</p> <p>Before a student may possess or use an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto- injector in the school setting, the Board shall require the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written request from the parent/guardian that the school complies with the order of the licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant. 2. A written statement from the parent/guardian acknowledging that the school is not responsible for ensuring the medication is taken and relieving the district and its employees of responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication. 3. A written statement from the licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant that states: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of the drug. |
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| <p>SC 1414.1</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Prescribed dosage. c. Times medication is to be taken. d. Length of time medication is prescribed. e. Diagnosis or reason medication is needed, unless confidential. f. Potential serious reaction or side effects of medication. g. If child is qualified and able to self-administer the medication. <p>The student shall be made aware that the asthma inhaler is intended for his/her use only and may not be shared with other students.</p> <p>The district reserves the right to require a statement from the licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant for the continued use of a medication beyond the specified time period. Permission for possession and use of an asthma inhaler by a student shall be effective for the school year for which it is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school year.</p> <p>A written request for student use of an asthma inhaler and/or epinephrine auto-injector shall be submitted annually, along with required written statements from the parent/guardian and an updated prescription.</p> |
| <p>SC 1409 Pol. 216</p> | <p>Student health records shall be confidential and maintained in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.</p> |
| <p>SC 1414.1 Pol. 113.1, 218, 227</p> | <p>Students shall be prohibited from sharing, giving, selling, and using an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector in any manner other than which it is prescribed during school hours, at any time while on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, and during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.</p> |
| <p>SC 1414.1</p> | <p>If the district denies a student’s request to self-carry an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector or the student has lost the privilege of self-carrying an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector, the student’s prescribed medication shall be appropriately stored at a location in close proximity to the student. The student’s classroom teachers shall be informed where the medication is stored and the means to access the medication.</p> |

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| | <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1409, 1414.1</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 103.1, 113.1, 216, 218, 227</p> |
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