

BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: POSSESSION/USE OF
ASTHMA INHALERS
AND EPI PENS

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	<p style="text-align: center;">210.1. POSSESSION/USE OF ASTHMA INHALERS AND EPI PENS</p> <p>1. Authority SC 1414.1</p> <p>The Board shall permit students to possess asthma inhalers and EpiPens and to self-administer the physician prescribed medication used to treat asthma and severe allergies when such is also parent-authorized.</p> <p>Possession and use of asthma inhalers and EpiPens and EpiPen Jr. by students shall be in accordance with state law and Board policy.</p> <p>2. Definitions SC 1401</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>EpiPen and EpiPen Jr. shall mean a prescribed device for self administration of emergency supportive therapy of epinephrine to treat anaphylaxis.</p> <p>Self-administration shall mean a student's use of medication in accordance with a prescription or written instructions from a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.</p> <p>3. Guidelines</p> <p><u>Authorized Student Possession And Self-administration Of Asthma Inhaler and EpiPen</u></p> <p>A student who desires to possess an asthma inhaler and self-administer asthma medication with an asthma inhaler in a school setting shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the appropriate school nurse the capability of self-administering the asthma inhaler medication, and demonstrate responsible behavior in the use of the asthma inhaler.</p> <p>A student who desires to possess and use an EpiPen or EpiPen Jr. and self-administer in a school setting shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the appropriate school nurse the capability of self-administering the EpiPen medication, and demonstrate responsible behavior in its use.</p> <p>Following each use of an asthma inhaler or EpiPen or EpiPen Jr., the student shall notify the appropriate nurse and shall disclose to the nurse the dose that the student self-administered.</p>
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<p>SC 1414.1 Title 22 Sec. 7.13</p>	<p><u>Written Statement From Student's Physician And Parent(s)/Guardian(s)</u></p> <p>Each student who desires to possess an asthma inhaler or EpiPen, and self-administer the medication shall verify to the appropriate school nurse that s/he is capable of self-administering the medication and has permission to do so.</p> <p>The student shall produce and file with the appropriate nurse a written statement from the student's physician, or a registered nurse or nurse practitioner or physician's assistant employed by the student's physician, that provides the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the drug, the dosage, the times when the medication is to be taken, and the diagnosis or reason the medicine is needed, unless the reason should remain confidential. 2. The potential of any serious reaction that may occur to the medication, as well as any necessary emergency response. 3. A statement whether the student is qualified and able to self-administer the asthma medication or EpiPen. <p>The student shall submit a written statement to the nurse from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting that the district comply with the order of the student's physician or such physician's certified registered nurse or physician assistant required by this policy. The nurse will keep the statement on file.</p> <p>The written statement from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall include a statement relieving the district or any employee of any responsibility or liability for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed asthma medication or EpiPen acknowledging that the district bears no responsibility or liability for ensuring that the medication is taken.</p> <p>The district reserves the right to require a statement from the student's physician for the continued use of any medication beyond a specified time period.</p> <p>District nurses shall submit duplicate copies of the written statement required by this policy to the district's Director of Special Education.</p>
<p>SC 1414.1</p>	<p>A student whose parent/guardian completes the written requirements for the student to possess an asthma inhaler or EpiPen, and self-administer the prescribed medication in the school setting, shall demonstrate to the school nurse the capability for self-administration and responsible behavior in use of the medication.</p> <p>To self-administer medication, the student must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to and visually recognize his/her name.

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>References:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Identify his/her medication. 3. Demonstrate the proper technique for self-administering medication. 4. Sign his/her medication sheet to acknowledge having taken the medication. 5. Demonstrate a cooperative attitude in all aspects of self-administration. <p><u>Loss of Privileges</u></p> <p>If a student authorized to possess and self-administer asthma medication or an Epi Pen or EpiPen Jr. under this policy negligently, willfully or intentionally allows or permits his/her medication to become in the possession of or used by another student, or if such student abuses or ignores the requirements of this policy, the district may, in its sole discretion, immediately confiscate the student's medication and terminate the student's privilege to possess and self-administer.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the school nurse(s), shall develop procedures for student possession of asthma inhalers and EpiPens and self-administration of prescribed medication.</p> <p>The district shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the policy and procedures governing student possession and use of asthma inhalers and EpiPens.</p> <p>When an asthma inhaler or EpiPen is initially brought to school by a student, the school nurse shall be responsible to complete the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain the required written request and statements from the parent/guardian and physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, which shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse. 2. Review pertinent information with the student and/or parent/guardian, specifically the information contained on the statement submitted by the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant. 3. Determine the student's ability to self-administer medication and the need for care and supervision. 4. Maintain an individual medication log for all students possessing asthma inhalers and EpiPens. <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1414.1 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 7.13</p>
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