

Special Medication Procedure for Student Self-Administration of Asthma Inhaler

According to the school district policy, students may now carry and self-administer asthma inhalers if the following established guidelines are adhered to and this form with a written statement from the prescribing physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant is completed.

A **second inhaler** for use if the student's inhaler malfunctions or expires will be **supplied by the parent and kept in the nurse's office.**

Student's Name _____ Room # _____

Name of medication _____

Date _____ Times to be taken _____

Number of days medication is to be given _____

Reason for medication _____

Parents please note and discuss the following with your child:

1. This inhaler is for his/her use only.
2. Student will demonstrate to the nurse, proper and responsible use of inhaler.
3. The nurse will be notified as soon as possible when the inhaler is used in order for the student to sign his/her own medication sheet in acknowledgment of inhaler use.
4. The nurse will be notified immediately when there is no relief of symptoms.

By agreeing to the above conditions and signing below, we the parents/guardians, do not hold the personnel of Cheltenham School District responsible for ensuring that this medication is taken. The district and its employees cannot be responsible for the benefits or consequences of the medication when the student elects to carry and self-administer his/her own asthma inhaler. Students with a diagnosis of asthma should be under the close supervision of a physician for the best control of their condition.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)

Nurse's Office Guidelines

In order to provide for the safety of students who carry and self-administer asthma inhalers, the school nurse will:

1. Have each student bring the inhaler to the school nurse with the following forms completed:
 - a. Special Medication Procedure form completed and signed by parent/guardian.
 - b. Asthma Emergency Care Plan completed and signed by the parent/guardian and physician.
2. Keep a second inhaler in the nurse's office in the event that the inhaler carried by the student is lost, malfunctions or is expired.
3. Make the student aware that this inhaler is for his/her use only.
4. Have the student demonstrate ability to self-administer.
5. Have the student agree that he/she will inform the nurse of use, and sign medication administration log.
6. Inhaler must be used in the proximity of an adult, or in the nurse's office. Students should not self-medicate in isolated areas, i.e. restroom, hallway, etc.
7. Have the student agree to inform the nurse of teacher **immediately if there is no relief of symptoms.**
8. Keep a medication log and emergency care plan on file in nurse's office.
9. Review and renew all forms annually.