

Penns Grove - Carneys Point Regional School District Board of Education Policy Manual

Students

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**Self-Administration of Medication
by Students with Asthma or Other
Potentially Life-Threatening Illnesses**

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The Board of Education recognizes the need for students with asthma and/or other potentially life threatening conditions to use prescribed emergency medications. However, the Board realizes that such use of prescribed emergency medications could be potentially dangerous. Therefore, the Board will permit the use of prescribed emergency medications by student(s) with asthma and/or other potentially life threatening conditions if the users and their parent(s)/guardian(s) abide by guidelines as established by the Superintendent of schools.

These guidelines are to be followed by students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) in the use of prescribed emergency medications:

1. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the pupil must annually provide written authorization for the self-administration of a medication(s).
2. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the pupil must provide annual written certification from the family physician that the pupil has asthma or another potentially life threatening illness and is capable of, and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administration of a medication(s).
3. The Board shall inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the pupil in writing that the district and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of a medication(s) by the pupil.
4. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the pupil must sign a statement acknowledging that the district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the pupil and that the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the self-administration of a medication(s) by the pupil.
5. The parental permission, parental release of liability and physician authorization are effective only for the school year for which they are granted and must be renewed for each subsequent school year.

Legal References

NJSA 18A:40-1 Employment of medical inspectors, optometrists and nurses; salaries; terms; rules
18A:40-3.2 et seq. Medical and Nursing Personnel
18A:40-12.3 through -12.4 Self-administration of medication by pupil; conditions
18A:40-12.5 Policy for emergency administration of epinephrine to public school pupils
18A:40-12.6 Administration of epinephrine; primary responsibility; parental consent
18A:40-12.7 Nebulizer
18A:40-12.8 Administration of asthma medication by school nurse through nebulizer;
training; pupil asthma treatment pla