

Central Day School

Management Protocol for Asthma or Other Respiratory Condition Requiring an Inhaler at School

In order for the school to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all students, and to act in the best interest of a child who has been diagnosed with asthma or other respiratory condition requiring an inhaler, we invite and welcome the cooperation of parents/guardians. This cooperation will require a high level of communication to create an effective partnership between parents/guardians and school personnel to care for your child.

Student Possession and Self-Administration of an Inhaler

In accordance with Tennessee law (Title 49-5-415), Central Day School permits the possession and self-administration of a prescribed, metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler by any asthmatic student or any student with another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler if the student's parent or guardian does the following:

- 1) Provides the school with written authorization for student possession and self administration of the inhaler by completing the Student Self-Administration Medication Permission Form.
- 2) Provides a written statement from the prescribing health care practitioner that the student suffers from asthma or another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler and the student has been instructed and is competent in self-administration of the prescribed metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler. The statement must also contain the following information:

- The name and purpose of the medication
- The prescribed dosage
- The time or times the prescribed inhaler is to regularly administered as well as any other additional special circumstances under which the inhaler is to be administered
- The length of time for which the inhaler is prescribed

This statement from the prescribing health care practitioner along with the Student Self-Administration Medication Permission Form will be kept on file in the school office and will serve as the Individual Health Plan/Action Plan for a student with asthma or other respiratory condition requiring an inhaler.

- 3) The student's parent shall sign a statement provided by the school acknowledging that he school shall incur no liability and the parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the school and its employees against any claims relating to the possession or self-administration of the inhaler.

The permission for self-administration of the prescribed, metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler by any asthmatic or any student with another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each following school year.

The school may revoke the possession and self-administration privileges if the student misuses the inhaler or make the inhaler available for usage by any other person.

Upon fulfilling the above requirements an asthmatic or student with another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler student may possess and use the prescribed metered dose asthma-reliever inhaler when at school or at a school-sponsored activity or before or after normal school activities while on school properties included school-sponsored child care or after-school program.

Student Self-administration of an Inhaler with Assistance from School Personnel

School personnel may assist the student in the self-administration of non-prescribed or prescribed, metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler by any asthmatic student or any student with another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler if the student's parent or guardian does the following:

- 1) Provides the school written authorization for student self-administration of the inhaler by completing the Student Self-Administration Medication Permission Form
- 2) Provides a written statement from the prescribing health care practitioner that the student suffers from asthma or another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler has been instructed and is competent in self-administration of the prescribed metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler. The statement must also contain the following information:
 - The name of purpose of the medication
 - The prescribed dosage
 - The time or times the prescribed inhaler is to regularly administered as well as any other additional special circumstances under which the inhaler is to be administered
 - The length of time for which the inhaler is prescribed
- 3) The self-administration of with an inhaler with the assistance of school personnel will be properly documented in the student's record.

The school will provide secure storage and timely distribution of medication.

The permission for self-administration of the prescribed, metered dosage, asthma-reliever inhaler by any asthmatic or any student with another respiratory condition requiring an inhaler shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each following school year.

We recommend that students with severe asthma or respiratory conditions requiring an inhaler wear medic-alert identification at all times when at school or school sponsored activities.

We also recommend that parents teach students how to understand, treat, and manage a chronic medical condition and to recognize the symptoms of their condition and inform an adult when symptoms are present.