

## **International Academy of Columbus Possession and Use of Metered Dose Inhalers or Dry Powered Inhalers**

A student may carry and administer his or her own medication via metered dose or dry powered inhaler if a request for the student to do so is made by parent or guardian and student's physician completing the form REQUEST FOR STUDENT TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER OWN MEDICATION TO BE DELIVERED BY INHALER.

Regulations for use of the inhalers:

- A. The intent for this policy is to provide a medical override in response to a LIFE THREATENING situation. Students who use their inhalers on a set schedule need to come to the school office where the inhaler will be stored. Only inhalers to be used "as needed" may be carried by a student only with this completed form on file in the school office.
  
- B. A student may possess a metered dose or dry powered inhaler if the following requirements are met:
  1. The written approval of the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student. The physician's written approval shall include at least all of the following information:
    - a. The student's name and address;
    - b. The names and dose of the medication contained in the inhaler;
    - c. The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
    - d. The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;
    - e. Written instructions that outline procedures school personnel should follow in the event that the asthma medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's asthma attack;
    - f. Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the inhaler and that should be reported to the physician;
    - g. Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the inhaler is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;
    - h. At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the physician in an emergency;
    - i. At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;
    - j. Any other special instructions from the physician.
  2. The school principal and, if a school nurse is assigned to the student's school building, the school nurse has received copies of the written approvals required by division (A)(1) of this section. If these conditions are satisfied, the student may possess and use the inhaler at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant.
  3. The board and staff will not be held liable in accordance with ORC 3314.14

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