

**EANES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**

Students who find it necessary to have medications administered at school must conform to the following policy:

- * **ALL MEDICATIONS** must be in a properly labeled prescription bottle, or the original container if a non-prescription medication (i.e.: Tylenol, Dimetapp, cough drops, etc.) The pharmacist will provide you with a separate labeled prescription bottle upon request. All medications must be kept in the medication cabinet and given through the nurse's office. Exceptions to this policy are:
 - * **Students in grades 9-12 may possess and self-administer OTC (over the counter) medications with the verbal consent of the student's parents.** School district personnel will not monitor or oversee this practice unless otherwise requested to do so by a parent.
 - * **A student may possess and self-administer asthma medicine** on school property or at a school-related event if the student has written permission from the student's parent and the student's physician or licensed health care provider. Specific guidelines required under HB1688 (self-administering asthma medicine) are available on request.
- * **ALL MEDICATIONS** (prescription and non-prescription) can be administered daily or on an "as needed" basis for a period of up to 10 consecutive days. Written parent permission and directions must be included with each medication. **A physician's written request is required for any medication given longer than 10 consecutive days.** EISD Medication Permit Forms are available in the school nurse's office.
- * **HERBAL SUBSTANCES OR DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS** provided by the parent will be given only if it is required by the Individualized Education Program or Section 504 plan of a student with disabilities. In general, pure vitamins and minerals are not considered dietary supplements.

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Guidelines for House Bill 1688

A student with asthma is entitled to possess and self-administer prescription asthma medicine while on school property or at a school related event or activity if:

1. The prescription asthma medicine has been prescribed for the student as indicated by the prescription label on the medicine;
2. The self-administration is done in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider;
3. A parent of the student provides the school a written authorization, signed by the parent, for the student to self-administer prescription asthma medicine; and
4. A parent of the student provides to the school a written statement from the student's physician or other licensed health care provider, signed by the physician or provider that states:
 1. that the student has asthma and is capable of self-administering the prescription asthma medication;
 2. the name and purpose of the medicine;
 3. the prescribed dosage for the medicine;
 4. the time at which or circumstances under which the medicine may be administered; and
 5. the period for which the medicine is prescribed.

The physician's statement must be kept on file in the office of the school nurse of the campus the student attends or, if there is not a school nurse, in the office of the principal of the campus the student attends. A person standing in parental relation to a student or the student himself, if over the age of 18, may give permission to use an asthma inhaler under these guidelines.

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