

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF INHALED ASTHMA MEDICATION

In compliance with state law, the Gore Public Schools permits the self-administration of inhaled asthma medication by a student for treatment of asthma. The parent or guardian of the student must provide the district with written authorization for the student to self-administer the medication. The parent or guardian must also provide a written statement from the physician treating the student that the student has asthma and is capable of, and has been instructed in the proper method of, self-administration of medication. Additionally:

1. The parent or guardian must provide the school with an emergency supply of the student's medication to be administered as authorized by state law.
2. The school district will inform the parent or guardian of the student, in writing, and the parent or guardian shall sign a statement acknowledging, that the school district and its employees and agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the student.
3. Permission for the self-administration of asthma medication is effective for the school year for which it is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school year upon fulfillment of the above requirements.
4. A student who is permitted to self-administer asthma medication shall be permitted to possess and use a prescribed inhaler at all times.
5. Definitions:
 - A. **Medication** means a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, prescribed by a physician and having an individual label.
 - B. **Self-administration** means a student's use of medication pursuant to prescription or written direction from a physician.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §1-116.3

OSSBA POLICY SERVICES LEGAL NOTES:

70 O.S. § 116.3 requires school districts to adopt a policy permitting self-administration of inhaled asthma medication by a student for treatment of asthma.