



Saint Andrew School

Providing educational excellence in a vibrant and caring Catholic environment

ASTHMA GUIDELINES

Asthma is the most common chronic condition of childhood. Comprehensive, individualized asthma education focuses on improving medical management which means recognizing and responding to attacks and medication.

A school, whether public or nonpublic, must permit the self-administration of medication by a pupil with asthma or the use of an epinephrine auto-injector by a pupil, provided that:

- the parents or guardians of the pupil provide to the school written authorization from the parents or guardians for the self-administration of medication or
- for use of an epinephrine auto-injector, written authorization from the pupil's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse; and
- the parents or guardians of the pupil provide to the school:
the prescription label, which must contain the name of the medication, the prescribed dosage, and the time at which or circumstances under which the medication is administered, or
- for use of an epinephrine auto-injector, a written statement from the pupil's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse containing the following information:
 1. the name and purpose of the epinephrine auto-injector
 2. the prescribed dosage; and
 3. the time or times at which or the special circumstances under which the epinephrine auto-injector is to be administered.

The information provided shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or, in the absence of a school nurse, the school's administrator.

Saint Andrew School utilizes the student's individual Asthma Action Plan and the *Illinois Asthma Episode Emergency Response Protocol, October 2016* in response to a student's asthma related respiratory distress.

Reference: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/97/PDF/097-0361.pdf>

Sample Plans: http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/resources/lung/asth_sch.pdf

The School is required to inform the parents or guardians, in writing, that the School and its employees and agents are to incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication or the use of an epinephrine auto-injector by the student.

PLEASE READ PAGE 2. (Authorization for Self-Administration of Asthma Medication)

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