

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: POSSESSION/USE OF
EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

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<p>1. Authority</p> <p>SC 1414.1 Pol. 103.1</p> <p>2. Definitions SC 1401</p> <p>3. Guidelines SC 1414.1 Title 22 Sec. 12.41</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">210.1. POSSESSION/USE OF EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS</p> <p>The School Reform Commission shall permit students to possess asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors and other emergency medications and to self-administer the prescribed medication when such is parent-authorized.</p> <p>Possession and use of asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors and other emergency medications by students shall be in accordance with state law, SRC policy and administrative procedures.</p> <p>Asthma inhaler shall mean a prescribed device used for self-administration of short-acting, metered doses of prescribed medication to treat an acute asthma attack.</p> <p>Emergency medications shall include, but not be limited to asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors, and other medication prescribed to treat or respond to a student’s medical condition in an emergency.</p> <p>Self-administration shall mean a student’s use of medication in accordance with a prescription or written instructions from a physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.</p> <p>Before a student may possess or use emergency medications during school hours, the SRC shall require the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A written request from the parent/guardian that the school complies with the order of the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant. 2. A statement from the parent/guardian acknowledging that the school is not responsible for ensuring the medication is taken and relieving the district and its employees of responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication.
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	<p>3. A written statement from the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant that states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of the drug. b. Prescribed dosage. c. Times medication is to be taken. d. Length of time medication is prescribed. e. Diagnosis or reason medication is needed, unless confidential. f. Potential serious reaction or side effects of medication. g. Emergency response. h. If child is qualified and able to self-administer the medication. <p>The certified school nurse shall conduct a baseline assessment of the student's health status.</p> <p>The student shall be made aware that the emergency medication is intended for his/her use only and may not be shared with other students.</p> <p>SC 1414.1 The student shall notify the school nurse immediately following each use of an asthma inhaler, epinephrine auto injector or other emergency medication.</p> <p>The certified school nurse shall provide periodic and ongoing assessments of the student's self-management skills.</p> <p>Pol. 103.1, 113 The possession/use of emergency medications shall be consistent with the school health program established by the SRC and where applicable any accommodations outlined in a student's Chapter 15/Section 504 Service Agreement.</p> <p>SC 1414.1 Violations of this policy by a student shall result in immediate confiscation of the asthma inhaler, epinephrine auto injector or other emergency medication and loss of privileges.</p>
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<p>SC 1414.1</p>	<p>For students who are not able and students who lose the privilege to carry and self administer emergency medications, the district shall ensure that the prescribed medication is appropriately stored at locations in close proximity to the student and inform the student’s teacher(s) of where the medication is located and the means to access the medication.</p>
<p>SC 1414.1</p>	<p>The district reserves the right to require a statement from the physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant for the continued use of a medication beyond the specified time period. Permission for possession and use of emergency medication by a student shall be effective for the school year for which it is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school year.</p>
<p>SC 1414.1</p>	<p>A student whose parent/guardian completes the written requirements for the student to possess emergency medication and self-administer the prescribed medication in the school setting shall demonstrate to the certified school nurse the competency for self-administration and responsible behavior in use of the medication.</p>
<p>SC 1414.1</p>	<p>The district shall develop criteria to determine a student’s competency to carry and self-administer emergency medications which shall be based on the student’s:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age; 2. Cognitive function; 3. Maturity; and 4. Demonstration of responsible behavior.
<p>SC 1414.1 Pol. 218</p>	<p>This policy shall be distributed with the Code of Student Conduct and made available on the district web site.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the Office of School Health Services, shall develop administrative procedures for student possession and self-administration of asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors and other emergency medication.</p> <p>The district shall annually inform staff, students and parents/guardians about the policy and procedures governing student possession and use of asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors and/or other emergency medication.</p> <p>The certified school nurse shall develop an individual health plan which shall include an emergency care plan component.</p>

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1414.1

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.41

School Reform Commission Policy – 103.1, 113, 218