



## NURSING SERVICES

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The "Colorado School Children's Asthma and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act" ensures that all students with asthma, severe allergies, or other related, life-threatening conditions be allowed to carry and self-administer medications for the control of related symptoms at school.

These medications can also be kept in the Health Office at school and school staff will either administer the medication or assist the student in self-administration, per parent and physician authorization.

ALL asthma medications, whether kept in the Health Office or carried by the student, require a medical authorization signed by the parent and the prescribing primary care provider.

The medical authorization for asthma medications is called the "Colorado Asthma Care Plan and Medication Order for School and Child Care Settings".

If asthma medications are to be carried by the student with the intent of self-administration, the student, parent, and the schools Registered Nurse must complete the "Student Contract". These forms are available in all school Health Offices, on the District website, and in most of the physician offices in the community.

In addition, the student will be asked to demonstrate to the prescribing physician, as well as to the District 51 Registered Nurse, that they can safely carry and self-administer the medication at school. If a student is found to be using a medication in an unsafe manner, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the school administrator as well as by the Registered Nurse.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue or any other health concern for your child, please contact the Registered Nurse for your child's school.

Thank you,

District 51 Nursing Service