

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Asthma Medication Possession and Use

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, that all schools allow students who have need to possess and self-administer asthma and other air constricting disease medication. The following conditions must be met:

1. The student's parent/guardian must provide the school written authorization for the self-administration of medication.
2. The parent/guardian must provide a written statement from the student's physician containing the following information:
 - a. name and purpose of medication
 - b. prescribed dosage
 - c. times at which or special circumstances under which medication is to be administeredThis information is to be kept on file.
3. The school and its employees are to incur no liability, except for gross negligence, arising from self-administration of medication by the student. The parent/guardian is to sign a statement to this fact. (Regulation 546.1 – Release and Indemnification Agreement)
4. Permission for self-administration of medication is effective for the school year for which it is granted and shall be renewed each subsequent school year. (IAC-280.16)

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