

# Infinity Charter School

**SECTION: STUDENT POLICIES**

**TITLE: USE OF INHALERS**

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## 320. USE OF INHALERS

**PURPOSE:**

Due to certain respiratory conditions, some students may need to possess and self-administer asthma inhalers in the school setting. This policy sets out the conditions and requirements for such possession and use, and supersedes the Use of medications Policy in its pertinent parts.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY:**

The CEO/Director of Infinity Charter School, in coordination with the School nurse, shall establish procedures for implementing and monitoring this policy.

Pennsylvania House Bill 1113 (Act 187/2004) requires all school districts to adopt written policies regarding the possession and use of asthma inhalers.

**PROVISIONS:**

Any student who wishes to carry and use an asthma inhaler during the school day shall comply with the following provisions;

- The student must have on file, with the school nurse, a written order from a doctor, directing the student to take such medication on an as needed basis.
- The student must also have on file, a written statement from the doctor, a registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant, regarding information about the drug to be taken, the dosage information and other information regarding the administration of the drug.
- The student must also have on file, a written statement from the child's parent or guardian, requesting that Infinity Charter School comply with the doctor's orders. This note must include a statement relieving Infinity from responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the use of the medication. It must also acknowledge that the school bears no responsibility for ensuring that the medication is taken.
- The student who wishes to carry the asthma inhaler must formally demonstrate to the School Nurse, the capability to self-administer the drug, and demonstrate responsible behavior in the use of the medication.
- Any student who knowingly abuses or ignores this policy may have the inhaler confiscated, and their right to carry an use the inhaler suspended. If this occurs, the student and his/her parents shall meet with the School Nurse and CEO/Director to discuss possible disciplinary actions and/or the re-approval of permission to carry and use the medication.
- The student must notify the school nurse or designee immediately following each use of the inhaler.