

Guidelines for medical conditions

It is the responsibility of the parent to obtain and update orders each school year. For any specialized observations or treatments the student must have a valid doctors order annually. Please see your campus nurse for any necessary paperwork or concerns regarding the requirements.

Severe Allergies and Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a sudden, life threatening, severe allergic reaction. The most dangerous symptoms include breathing difficulties, a drop in blood pressure or shock. Common examples of potentially life-threatening allergies are those to foods or stinging insects. Other allergic reactions may also occur to medications, latex, or exercise.

While TISD cannot guarantee an allergy -free environment at school, the district is committed to doing everything possible to ensure the safety of every child who has allergies.

TISD has developed guidelines to manage students with these life-threatening allergies so that they may safely participate in the educational process. Students who are at risk for developing anaphylaxis are able to self-carry and self-administer their anaphylaxis medications (epinephrine auto-injectors) while at school or a school event, if they have met the legal requirements below:

- The medication and the self-administration must be authorized by a physician or licensed health care provider.
- The student must demonstrate to the physician, or other health care provider and to the school nurse, the skill level necessary to self-administer the medication.

Each student with a severe allergy/ anaphylaxis that has brought medication to school will receive an Emergency Action Plan that will be given to your child's teacher and accompany the child on field trips.

Parents/guardians should contact the school nurse before enrollment or at the start of the new school year to obtain all the proper paperwork needed to help ensure the safety of students with a severe allergy. Parents of children with known anaphylaxis are expected to provide an individual supply of emergency medication to the campus nurse.

Students with an order to self-carry emergency medication will be allowed to keep the Epi-pen with them. Nurse should be notified of location of Epi Pen and have a current order to self-carry emergency medication form in file.

Asthma

Students with asthma should submit an annual Asthma Action Plan signed by the physician and parent. Those who require medication at school (either inhaler or nebulizer) must submit the appropriate medication forms to the school nurse.

The 77th Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 1688, which amends the Education Code to entitle a student with asthma to possess and self-administer prescription asthma medication while on school property or at a school-related event or activity. The bill specified the conditions under which a student is entitled to possess and self-administer asthma medication.

If a physician feels it is medically necessary for a student with asthma to carry and self-administer prescription asthma medication, the student must have an asthma action plan signed by the physician and parent on file. This form can be obtained from the school nurse or school web page. This form must be completed each school year by the student's prescribing physician and must be signed by both the prescribing physician and the parent/guardian.

The school nurse will assess the student's ability to recognize symptoms and correctly use the medications.

******Unless an additional supply of medication is provided for storage in the school nurse's office, parents and students must recognize that it is the student's responsibility to carry the medication at all times. The school does not keep an emergency supply of asthma medication in stock.

Diabetes Care at School

It is important that parents of students with diabetes communicate fully with the school nurse about the student's needs. If possible, plan to speak and meet with the nurse prior to the school year beginning or before the first day of attendance for students who start later in the year.

A student's parent/guardian is required to provide all necessary medication orders/supplies/food for the student with diabetes.

Role of the Unlicensed Diabetes Care Assistant (UDCA)

House Bill No. 984 (Care of the Student with Diabetes) enacted in 2005, specifies that each school train one (1) unlicensed diabetes care assistant (UDCA), if a full-time nurse is not assigned to the school. To protect the safety and health of students. Training of the UDCA's is provided under the supervision of the director of health services. The UDCA's will provide diabetes management and care services, if the nurse is unavailable. Such services include, but are not limited to, the administration of insulin, or in an emergency, the administration of glucagon.

Seizures

TISD is prepared to provide care for students with seizures. Parent/Guardians are expected to notify the school nurse if their child has a history of seizures. The school nurse will request additional information that may include documentation from the student's physician.

A student's parent/guardian is required to provide all necessary medication and physician orders for the student with seizures.

For questions on any other medical conditions or concerns please speak with your campus nurse and they will assist you.