

## **STUDENT SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF INHALED ASTHMA MEDICATION**

Pursuant to 70 O.S. § 1-116.3, the Board of Education of the Commerce School District permits students to self-administer inhaled asthma medication in accordance with the following conditions and guidelines:

### Definitions:

1. “Medication” means a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms, prescribed by a physician and having an individual label;
2. “Self-administration” means a student’s use of medication pursuant to prescription or written direction from a physician.

### Requirements for Parents and Students:

1. Permission granted by this policy for self-administration of inhaled asthma medication is effective only for the school year in which it is granted. Permission shall be renewed each subsequent school year only upon fulfillment of the requirements of this policy.
2. The parent or legal guardian of the student must authorize in writing permission for the student’s self-administration of inhaled asthma medication. Such written permission shall include the following:
  - a. Permission statement authorizing the student to self-administer inhaled asthma medication.
  - b. A written statement from the student’s physician stating that the student has asthma and is capable of, and has been instructed in, the proper method of self-administration of the medication.
  - c. Acknowledgement from the student’s parent or legal guardian that the District and its employees and agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the student’s self-administration of asthma medication and acknowledgement that the District has provided this information in writing to the parent or legal guardian.
3. Prior to the District granting permission for the student to self-administer inhaled asthma medication, the parent or legal guardian of the student is required to provide the school an emergency supply of the student’s medication to be administered in accordance with the provisions of District Policy 720, *Dispensing Medications*. The parent or legal guardian shall agree in writing to the conditions and regulations set forth in that Policy.

A student who has been granted permission by the District to self-administer inhaled asthma medication pursuant to this Policy shall be permitted to possess and use a prescribed inhaler at all times.