Katy Independent School District

Guidelines and Procedures For

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF PRESCRIPTION ASTHMA MEDICINE OR ANAPHYLAXIS MEDICINE BY STUDENTS

According to *SECTION I. Chapter 38, Sec. 38.013 of the Education Code*, a student with asthma is entitled to possess and self-administer prescription asthma or anaphylaxis medicine while on school property or at a school-related event or activity, provided that certain criteria is met. In an effort to meet student needs and still maintain a safe environment with regard to medications in the school setting, the following procedures have been developed and incorporated into Administrative Regulation FFAC (R) (LOCAL).

- I. A form titled **Parent/Physician Authorization for Self-Administration of Asthma Medication or Anaphylaxis Medicine by A Student**, must be completed and kept on file with the school nurse before a student can possess and self-administer his/her asthma or anaphylaxis medication.
- II. All required documentation will be kept on file in the school clinic and must be renewed annually.
- III. Junior high and high school students (who have been authorized to possess their asthma/anaphylaxis medicine) will be issued an identification card. The identification card is to remain in the possession of the student at all times while he/she is at school or a school-related event or activity. This card will identify the student and inform school personnel that the student has permission to possess his/her asthma or anaphylaxis medication. Identification cards must be renewed annually. Elementary teachers will be notified of those students in their class who have asthma or anaphylaxis medication in their possession.
- IV. Students who do not self-administer their medication in compliance with the prescription or written instructions from their physician, or fail to report to the school nurse when relief is not obtained after using their medication as directed, will not be able to continue to possess his/her asthma or anaphylaxis medication and self-administer it for the remainder of the school year. Students may also be subject to other disciplinary action as written in the **Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct**.