

SEVEN GENERATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL	SECTION: STUDENTS
	TITLE: 210.1 – ASTHMA MEDICATION AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
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Policy	<p>The Board of Trustees of Seven Generations Charter School (“Seven Generations”) recognizes that a number of students have a medically certified asthmatic condition requiring medication, equipment or machinery to be administered during school hours in order to maintain health and to function in the school setting.</p> <p>This policy shall apply only to medical measures necessary to maintain a student in school and which can be self-administered by the student with necessary documentation provided to the school nurse by student’s healthcare provider and parent(s)/guardian(s) permitting such self-administration.</p> <p>In order to ensure that a student has his or her asthma medication immediately available when an asthma attack occurs, Seven Generations allows school aged children to carry (possess) and use (self-administer) their asthma medication.</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board of Trustees of Seven Generations Charter School authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee, in conjunction with the school nurse(s), to enforce this policy and to develop procedures for student possession of asthma inhalers and self-administration of prescribed medication.</p>
Guidelines	<p>Definition:</p> <p>Asthma is a chronic (long-term) lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways. Asthma causes recurring periods of wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, and coughing (https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/asthma).</p> <p>Policy:</p> <p>Seven Generations policy requires that a student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a signed statement from their physician that the student is allowed to self-administer the medication; • Demonstrate the ability for self-administration of the inhaler; • Behave responsibly when using the inhaler; • Notify the school nurse immediately following each use of an asthma inhaler; • Is restricted from making the inhaler available to other students.

A student may lose the privilege to self-carry an inhaler, or to restrict its use, if the school discipline code or other policies are abused or ignored.

Required Documentation:

The following information should be provided through an Asthma Medical Management Plan by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student with asthma. This Plan is filled out with a health care provider's assistance and provides critical information to the school if a life-threatening asthma attack occurs or worsens at school or at a school sponsored activity. A Sample Asthma Medical Management Plan is attached, but any form containing the same information is acceptable. (Note that some providers may send in an Asthma Action Plan instead. A copy is attached.)

The following information must be provided to Seven Generations' nurse:

- The name of the student;
- The name of the medication;
- The dose and maximum dosages;
- The times when medication is to be taken;
- The diagnosis and necessity of medication during school hours (unless this is confidential);
- Information on serious reactions that could occur and appropriate emergency responses;
- That the child is qualified and able to self-administer the medication;
- Consent for administration of medication or equipment, contact with student's personal and emergency health care providers and the release of information to such health care providers and school personnel;

Seven Generations will require a written statement from the parent or guardian that states:

- Seven Generations is to comply with the health care provider's orders;
- Seven Generations and/or school employee be relieved of any responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication which is parent-authorized; and
- Seven Generations bears no responsibility or liability for ensuring that the medication is taken.

Seven Generations has the right to require a statement from the health care provider for continued use of any medication beyond a specified time period. Seven Generations may also require updated prescriptions and parental approvals on an annual basis. Additionally, an Emergency Care Plan ("ECP") should be developed by the School Nurse for distribution to all Seven Generations personnel having contact with the student including: administrators, teachers, counselors, bus drivers, food service managers, and lunchroom personnel once the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) have signed any necessary consent form(s) allowing such disclosure. A sample ECP is attached.

References	<p>Section 504/IEP Considerations:</p> <p>If a student’s asthma condition worsens to the point that it interferes with the student’s ability to access his/her education at Seven Generations, the student may be eligible for a Section 504 Plan or IEP (see policies 113 and 174).</p> <p>The category of “other health impairment” includes asthma as one of the health conditions listed to qualify under IDEA. The student’s asthma must adversely affect educational performance to the point that the student requires special education and related services, as defined by state law.</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1409, 1414.1 State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.41 School Policy – 113, 174</p>
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