

5335 TREATMENT OF ASTHMA

Purpose of Policy: The Board of Education organizes its Policy Manual in order that users can easily locate the policies and regulations.

The Board of Education recognizes the primary goal for children with asthma is to allow the child to live as normal a life as possible. The child should be able to participate in normal childhood activities, experience exercise tolerance similar to peers, and attend school to grow intellectually and develop socially. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a)5, the Board adopts this Policy that includes procedures for the treatment of asthma in the school setting.

Every school in the district shall have and maintain for the use of students at least one nebulizer in the office of the school nurse or a similar location. Each school nurse in the district shall receive training in airway management and in the use of nebulizers and inhalers consistent with nationally recognized standards including, but not limited to, those of the National Institutes of Health and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.8(a). The school nurse, upon receiving this training, is authorized to administer asthma medication through the use of a nebulizer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.8(a).

Each student authorized to use self-administered asthma medication pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.3 and Policy 5330 or a nebulizer shall have an Asthma Action Plan (AAP) prepared by the students' medical home and submitted to the certified school nurse. The AAP shall identify, at a minimum, asthma triggers and information to be included in the individualized healthcare plan and individualized emergency healthcare plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3(b) for meeting the medical needs of the student while attending school or a school-sponsored function.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.3; 18A:40-12.7
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a)5

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