

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY ON SELF MEDICATION

1. The Cherry Hill School District has established policies and procedures pertaining to the administration of medication during school hours. In accordance with NJSA 18AL:40-12.3 et seq., the following policy provides for middle and senior high school pupils suffering from severe asthma, or in need of an adrenalin injection to treat a potential anaphylactic reaction to self-administer medication under the following provisions:
 - a. The parents/guardians of the pupil must provide the school nurse with written authorization for the self-administration of medication on the appropriate form (attachment #1).
 - b. The parents/guardians of the pupil must provide the school nurse with written certification from the physician of the pupil, that the pupil has severe asthma, or is in need of carrying emergency adrenalin for a potential anaphylactic reaction. The physician must further indicate that the pupil is capable of and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administration of the medication on the appropriate form (attachment #2)
 - c. The parents/guardians of the pupil must sign a statement on the appropriate form that acknowledged that the Cherry Hill School District shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by the pupil and the parents/guardians shall indemnify and hold harmless the Cherry Hill Public School District and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the self- administration of medication by the pupil.
2. All students requesting permission to self-administer medication must submit the appropriate forms to the school nurse, and review the procedure they will follow to self-administer the medication as indicated on the forms submitted. The nurse will log the date this has been completed.
3. All students granted permission to self-administer medication shall report the use of the medication during the school day to the school nurse, for recording on the school nurse's medication log.
4. No other self-administration of medication shall be permitted without consultation with the school physician and the school nurse. Any student granted permission to self-administer medication for potentially life threatening illness other than asthma must also follow all of the requirements in Section 1, subsections a. through c. and Sections 2 and 3.