

Medication at School

Asthma Inhaler Law

In August, 2001, the Asthma Inhaler Law went into effect (*MS 121A.22, Administration of Drugs and Medicine*). The parents were notified by Parent Newsletters.

This law allows public elementary and secondary students to possess and use asthma inhalers when the following criteria have been met:

1. The parent has not requested school personnel to administer this inhaler and
2. The school receives annual written authorization from the student's parent to self-administer and
3. The inhaler is properly labeled for the student and
4. The school nurse assesses the student's necessary knowledge and skills, and enters the plan in the student's health record

When the LNSs were aware that a student was carrying an inhaler, they observed that the student was using their inhaler correctly and recorded this in the Student's Health Record.