Note: In 2005, AS 14.30.141 was passed requiring districts to permit the self-administration of medication by students for asthma or anaphylaxis. Self-administration may only be permitted upon a school's annual receipt of written certification by the student's parent/guardian and the student's health care provider. The statute also requires parents to release the school district from liability from any injury that may result from the storage and self-administration of asthma and anaphylaxis medication. Finally, the statute provides that students who use the medication in a manner other than prescribed are subject to disciplinary action.

The School Board recognizes that students sometimes may need to take prescribed medication during the school day in order to be able to attend school without jeopardizing their health. In such cases, when the district has received written statements from the student's ~~physician~~ health care provider and parent/guardian as required by law, designated personnel shall assist the student in taking the medication.

The written statements provided by the health care provider and parent/guardians must include the information described in AS 14.30.141. The term "health care provider" means a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, respiratory care practitioner, physician assistant, village health aide, or pharmacist operating within the scope of the health care provider's authority.

The Board recognizes that some students have allergies of such severity that they may require an emergency anaphylactic injection during the course of the school day. Parents/guardians who are aware of this foreseeable need may ask the district to store and provide such injections. School staff who may be required to administer anaphylactic injections shall receive appropriate training and will be authorized to administer the injections within the legal provisions of law.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Self-Administration of Medication for Asthma or Anaphylaxis

A student may be permitted to carry medication that has been prescribed or ordered by a ~~physician~~ health care provider to stay on or with the student due to a pressing medical need. Students who have received instruction in the self-administration of asthma or anaphylaxis medication shall be permitted to carry and self-administer the medication upon written authorization of the parent/guardian and health care provider, consistent with law and procedures developed by the [Superintendent/Chief Administrator]. Written authorization must be submitted annually.

By law, neither the District nor its schools are liable for injuries that may result from the storage or self-administration of medication. No student will be permitted to carry or self-administer a prescribed medication without a release of liability for the school, its employees, and agents. The release of liability shall include an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the school and its employees or agents from claims arising out of the storage or self-administration of medication.

A student who uses the medication in a manner other than prescribed is subject to disciplinary action.

Legal Reference:
ALASKA STATUTES
09.65.090 Civil liability for emergency aid
14.30.141 Self-administration and documentation of medication

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