

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The “*Colorado Schoolchildren’s Asthma and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act*” and the “*Colorado School Children’s Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act*” ensures that all students with asthma, severe allergies, or other related, life-threatening conditions be allowed to carry and self-administer medications for the control of related symptoms at school.

These medications can also be kept in a secure area in the Health Office at school and trained school staff will either administer the medication or assist the student in self-administration, per parent and physician authorization.

All asthma and anaphylaxis medications, whether kept in the Health Office or carried by the student, require a medication authorization, completed and signed by the parent and by the prescribing primary care provider.

The authorization for anaphylaxis medication is called the “**Allergy & Anaphylaxis Action Plan**.” For anaphylaxis medications are to be carried by the student with the intent of self-administration, the physician and parent must indicate this on the appropriate authorization. These forms are available in all school Health Offices, on the District website, and in most of the physician offices in the community.

In addition, the student will be asked to demonstrate to the District 51 Registered Nurse, that they can safely carry and self-administer the medication at school.

If a student is found to be using a medication in an unsafe manner, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the school administrator as well as by the Registered Nurse.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue or any other health concern for your child, please contact the Registered Nurse for your child’s school.

Thank you,

MCVSD #51 Nursing Service