

The following shall be known about school compliance and R.S. 17:436.1:

Public schools shall permit, with parental and medical authorization, the self-administration of medications by a student with asthma or the use of auto-injectable epinephrine

The school or governing authority or its employees shall incur no liability as a result of an injury from the self-administration of these medications. A signed agreement stating such is required before a student may self administer these medications.

Students who are granted permission under the Act shall be able to self-carry and store these medications with the school nurse or other designated school official.

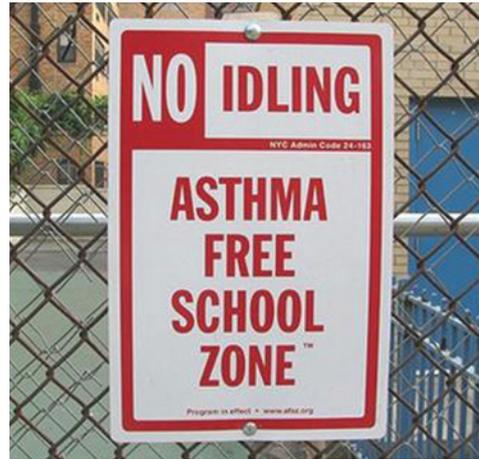
Permissions to self-carry must be granted and renewed yearly.

Students granted permission to self-carry and self-administer will be allowed to carry at anytime while on school property or when:

- ▶ On school field trips
- ▶ Participating in extracurricular events (such as sporting events, band, clubs or organization based events)
- ▶ Riding school buses

Disciplinary Action:

Students who misuse medications permitted under the statute are subject to disciplinary action which shall not include restricting student’s immediate access to medication.



For more information about Louisiana Act 145, contact the Louisiana Asthma Management and Prevention Program.

visit www.asthma.dhh.louisiana.gov to download the Medication Order Form and an Asthma Action Plan



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Louisiana Law to Self-Administer lifesaving asthma medications for your child and student



School Age Children and Asthma



Students with Asthma in Louisiana Can Now Breathe Easier

Louisiana has become the 49th state to enact laws allowing students to carry and self-administer life-saving asthma medications in schools.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal signed the bill into law on June 25, 2009. The bill eliminates the time it takes to retrieve medications from the school nurse or administrative office at



the first sign of asthma symptoms.



What is Louisiana Act 145?

Louisiana Act 145 is a law that allows students in public schools to carry asthma and anaphylaxis medications in school and anytime under the care of the school that the student attends.

Students whose parents submit the required paperwork illustrating the student has received proper education to self-administer certain asthma medications will be allowed by this law to carry and administer medications in school.

When Does the Law Take Effect?

The law now known as ACT 145 took effect during the 2009-2010 Louisiana School Term.

Recommendation:

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital's Asthma Management and Prevention Program and



the Asthma Surveillance Collaborative recommends that ALL students with asthma have an Asthma Action Plan on file with the school.

What is Required From the Parent?

The parent or legal guardian must provide written authorization for the student to carry and self-administer.

They must provide written certification from a licensed medical physician or other authorized prescriber that the student has asthma or is at risk of anaphylaxis, and that the student has received instruction on the proper method of self administration.

Written Treatment Plan Signed By:

Parents or legal guardian, student and the student's licensed physician or licensed prescriber for managing asthma or anaphylactic episodes.

The Asthma Action Plan Should Include:

- ▶ The name, purpose, and prescribed dosage of medication.
- ▶ The time or times that medication is regularly administered as well as additional special circumstances for administration and the prescription length.
- ▶ Any other documents required by the school's governing authority.

