



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about a new school health program that will make schools safer for students with asthma. Oklahoma passed a new law in 2019 that allows schools to maintain and administer an albuterol inhaler to treat students who experience sudden life-threatening respiratory distress while at school. Albuterol is an inhaled medication that quickly opens the tubes that move air into and out of the lungs making it easier to breathe. This medication is safe and effective. Because an asthma attack can happen at any time, having quick access to albuterol is important to make schools safe for children with asthma.

Several school personnel received training to quickly and safely respond to respiratory emergencies. While school staff will make every effort to contact parents before giving albuterol, the law allows administration of albuterol in an emergency without prior parental contact. Please sign and return the attached consent form for our files.

If your child has asthma, we urge you to notify your child's school and provide us with an asthma action plan from your child's doctor. Because the stock albuterol is not intended to replace a child's personal inhaler, we also encourage you to send a personal albuterol inhaler for use at school if your child has asthma.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's school office.

Sincerely,

Shayna Vaughan, RN
District Nurse

Guthrie Public Schools

CONSENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN INHALER

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, a minor child and student of Guthrie Public Schools, give consent for my child to be administered an inhaler in the event trained school personnel believe my child is exhibiting symptoms of respiratory distress.

I understand that the prescription for the inhaler will be a prescription issued to the school district and not to my child individually. I further understand that if an inhaler is administered, it will be given by a school employee who has received training pursuant to the requirements of Oklahoma law. I understand that no employee of the school district will incur any legal liability regarding the decision to administer or not administer an inhaler to my child. I acknowledge that a full copy of the district's policy regarding the administration of inhalers is available upon request.

I have read these terms and conditions and request that my child be administered an inhaler in the event that trained school personnel believe my child is exhibiting symptoms of respiratory distress.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Please return to your child's school office.