

**Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School
One Lincoln Park
Midland, Pa 15059**

Board of Trustees Policy

Use of Medications & Equipment Policy

Date Adpoted:

Purpose

The Board of Trustees recognizes that a number of students have medically certified conditions requiring medication, equipment or machinery to be administered during school hours in order to maintain health and to function in the school setting at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School (“Lincoln Park”).

Definition

This policy shall apply only to medical measures necessary to maintain a student in school and which can be administered by Lincoln Park staff.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Building Administration and/or Designees shall have authorization to determine procedures for staff development in the use of medication and equipment, assign responsibility for delivery of services and school placement of students with such medical needs.

Criteria

1) If a student requires medication (prescription or over-the-counter) during school or any school outing when the student is under the care and supervision of the faculty or staff of Lincoln Park, the medication must be given to the Lincoln Park School Nurse. The medication must be in its original container from the pharmacy and accompanied by a note from the parent/guardian and a doctor indicating the name of the drug, the dose, the timing of the dose, and the reason the medication is required. Students should not be in possession of any types of medication at any time. Students may not keep any medications on their persons or in their school bags or lockers. All medications are kept in the Health Office.

- 2) For the possession and use of asthma inhalers, a student must demonstrate the capability for self-administration and responsible behavior. The student must verify with the School Nurse his/her ability to administer the medication and that he/she has permission to do so. The student is restricted from making the inhaler available to other students. For asthma inhaler, Lincoln Park requires a written statement by a doctor or other prescribing medical professional indicating the drug, the dose, the timing of the dose and the diagnosis/reason the medication is required. In addition, Lincoln Park requires a written request from the student's parent/guardian that Lincoln Park comply with the orders of the doctor. Lincoln Park reserves the right to require the doctor to provide a statement justifying the continued use of the inhaler beyond a certain time period.
- 3) Parents who wish to give medication to their children during the school day must administer it in the office of the School Nurse.
- 4) Medication in baggies or foil wrappings will not be accepted or administered. Vitamins, antacids, acetaminophen or ibuprofen, and lactose products (ex. Dairy Ease) must also be accompanied by written permission from a physician and parents/guardian with clear instructions for dosage and administration times.
- 5) **A physician's order and parent permission must be on file in the nurse's office for any student requiring an Epi-Pen.** Parents whose children may require an Epi-Pen or EZ Pen for severe allergy reactions, must provide a supply to be kept in the Nurse's office for use by their child.
- 6) Only the exact amount of prescription medication for the treatment period should be kept in the Nurse's office. Pharmacists will provide extra labeled containers if asked.
- 7) The School Nurse is charged with the final determination of what over-the-counter items fall under the category of medication and for developing procedures to carry out this policy.