

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION

Student Name: _____ SIS#: _____ D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ Emergency: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In accordance with California Education Code Section 49423, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, students who have a Medical Disability for which a physician has prescribed Medication to be taken during the school day, whether of limited or permanent duration, are entitled to seek assistance from the District in meeting their Medication needs when the student is under the District's care, custody, or control, including while the student is on field trips, sporting events, and other off-campus District-sponsored activities. **Except for personal asthma inhalers, personal epi-pens, and glucagon kits, a student may not independently possess Medication during the school day or while on District property.** Due to health and safety concerns, including the potential theft of the Medication or the potential for improper sharing/use of the Medication by other students who may then suffer unexpected allergic or other negative reactions, **there are no exceptions to this requirement.** A student personally possessing Medication, misusing Medication, or providing Medication to another student, may face discipline.

***Medication**, means currently (unexpired) prescribed Medications, as well as over-the-counter remedies (such as aspirin, decongestant, eye drops) and nutritional/herbal supplements. Because several over-the-counter medications can present safety or health hazards to others, all Medications are subject to the following rules and regulations.*

***Medical Disability**, means any mental or physical condition limiting a student's ability to engage in major life activities (such as eating, breathing, hearing, speaking, learning, or performing self-care) or which otherwise is subject to a medical disability or condition for which Medication has been prescribed or recommended by a physician.*

***Medication Assistance**, means the storage of Medication, or the providing of Medication to a student in accordance with a physician's written instructions or directives, when the child presents himself/herself at the agreed time, or in response to urgent or emergency circumstances. As permitted by law, assistance may be provided by a District employee other than a nurse or licensed or trained medical care provider. Any emergency assistance provided to a student will be promptly brought to the attention of the parent/guardian. All additional reports/reporting of emergency Assistance will be undertaken in keeping with governing laws and District policies and procedures.*

Before Medication Assistance can be provided, even if the student has an Individualized Education Plan ("IEP") or a "504 Plan," this Medication Assistance Authorization form ("Authorization") must be executed by at least one parent/legal guardian **and** the student's duly authorized health care provider. A new Authorization is required at the beginning of each school year and any time there is a change in Medication directives (such as change in Medication, dosage, timing, or frequency). The parent/legal guardian must immediately notify the District of any change in Medication directives.

All Medication must be provided to the District by a parent/legal guardian, with the District storing the Medication and dispensing it in compliance with the Medication directive. All medication supplied to the District must be in its original labeled form (i.e., in the original prescription bottle, sealed package, etc.) as received from the physician, pharmacist, or store. Until the District receives an updated Authorization, signed by the parent/legal guardian and health care provider, the District will continue to provide the provided Medication, and provide Medication Assistance according to an existing Authorization, unless (a) there is evidence the student's health may be endangered by the continued use of the former Medication directive, or (b) the parent/legal guardian provides a written statement that Medication Assistance is to cease or be suspended until the new Authorization can be provided. In such situations, the parent/legal guardian will need to provide the Medication Assistance to the student at agreed times during the school day in a safe and appropriate manner that does not unduly disrupt the educational environment.

