SELF-CARRY MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOLS

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MISSOURI LAW

Missouri Revised Statute 167.627 - Each board of education and its employees and agents in this state shall grant any pupil in the school authorization for the possession and self-administration of medication to treat such **pupil's chronic health condition**, including **but not limited to asthma or anaphylaxis** if.....

MISSOURI REVISED STATUTES § 167.627

Link to Section 167.627 RSMo

Key Requirements of Section 167.627

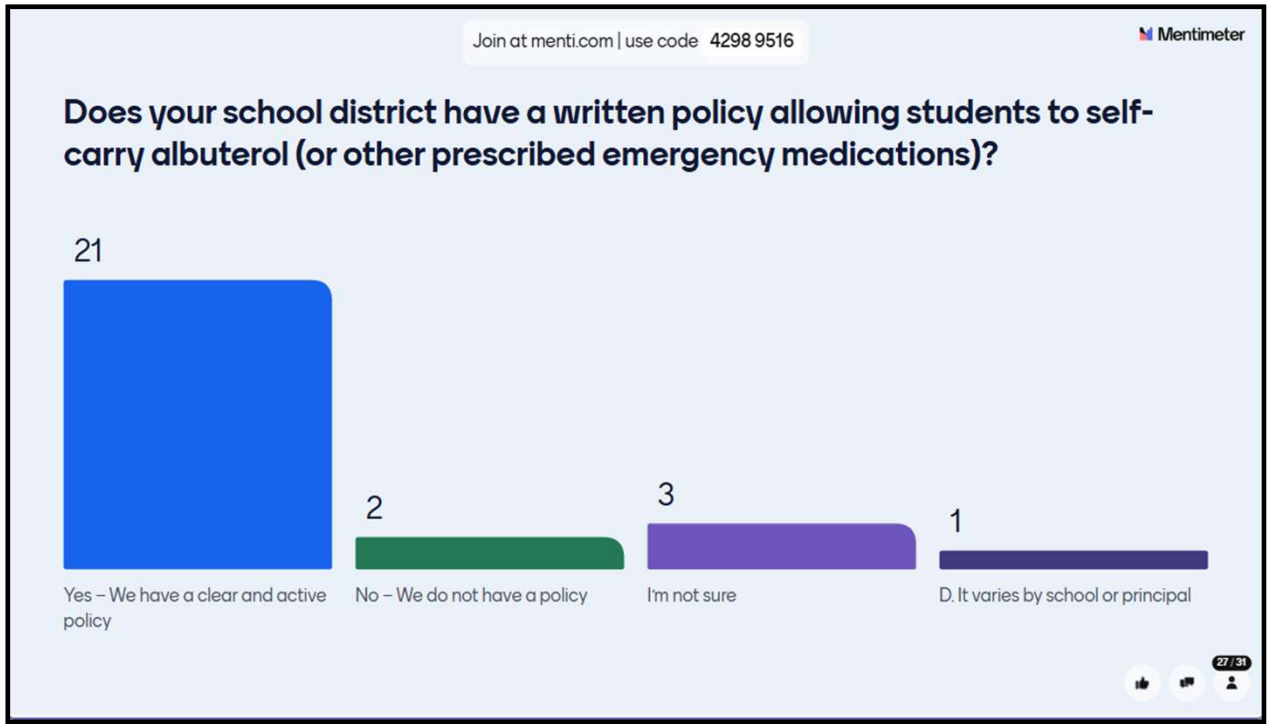
1. Physician's prescription and instruction
2. Demonstration competency by the student (for physician and school nurse)
3. Written treatment plan (AAP)
4. Parental/guardian authorization and liability waiver

District Policy (MSBA JHCD)

Student Possession and Self Administration of Medications

The district prohibits students from possessing or self-administering medication unless the student is allowed by law to do so and has been given permission in accordance with district procedures. Students with an IEP or Section 504 plan may possess and self-administer medications in accordance with their plan.

Quick Poll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Mentimeter
Does your school district have a written policy allowing students to self-carry albuterol (or other prescribed emergency medications)?
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Yes – We have a clear and active policy
No – We do not have a policy
I'm not sure
D. It varies by school or principal
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Assessing Student Competency

1. Use of standardized questionnaires to evaluate understanding of asthma and medication use
2. Observation of inhaler technique

Training Students for Self-Administration

Training Topics

1. Recognizing asthma symptoms
2. Proper inhaler usage
3. Understanding when to seek help
4. Importance of adherence to Asthma Action Plan

Documentation and Record-Keeping (Records to Maintain)

1. Signed authorizations and consents
2. Asthma Action Plans
3. Competency Assessments
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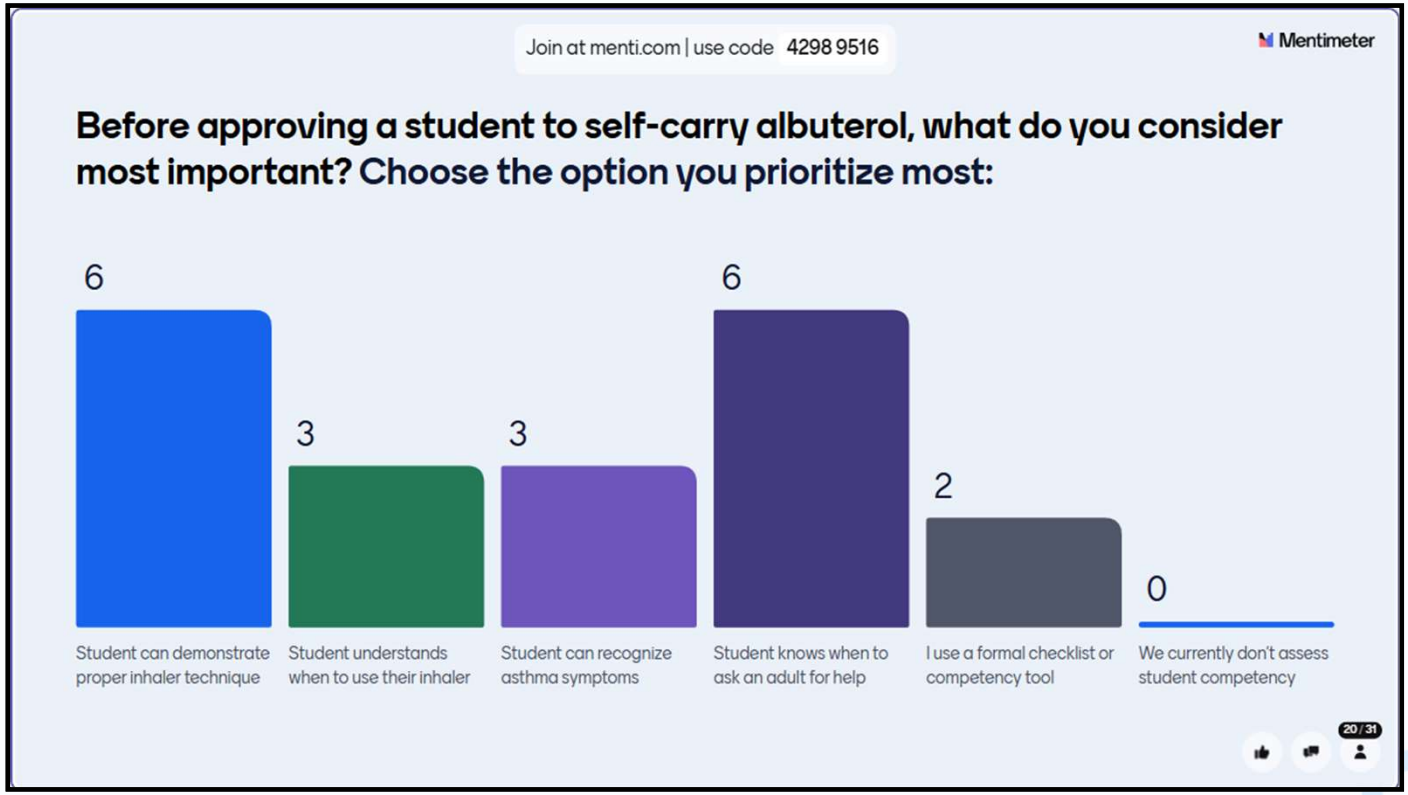
Collaborating with School Staff

1. Educate teachers and staff about asthma and self-carry policies
2. Develop communication plans for emergencies
3. Promote a supportive environment for students

Final Poll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Before approving a student to self-carry albuterol, what do you consider most important? Choose the option you prioritize most:
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Student can demonstrate proper inhaler technique
Student understands when to use their inhaler
Student can recognize asthma symptoms
Student knows when to ask an adult for help
I use a formal checklist or competency tool
We currently don't assess student competency
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Examples of Assessment Tools

Missouri School Asthma Manual

Web link - Unit 2: Medications

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SHOW ME SCHOOL HEALTH

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1) Student Readiness Tool

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2) Asthma Management in Schools: Assessing a Child's Readiness to Carry and Use a Quick Relief Inhaler

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Questions?