

Bourbon County Schools

Stock Albuterol Inhaler Policy

Purpose

Ensure safe and timely administration of a rescue inhaler for students or staff experiencing respiratory distress while on school property or at school-sponsored events.

Policy Statement

The district may maintain stock albuterol inhalers and spacers for emergency use by a nurse or trained staff. Not a replacement for prescribed inhalers.

Authorization & Standing Order

Maintained under an annual Standing Order by a licensed prescriber. The District Health Coordinator monitors compliance.

Storage and Accessibility

Stored, secured, labeled, easily accessible; carried in emergency bags for field trips; expiration checked monthly.

Training Requirements

Annual training for nurses and designated staff on asthma recognition, inhaler use, emergency procedures, documentation.

Administration Protocol

Assess, administer per standing order; call 911 if severe/no improvement; notify parent/guardian promptly.

Documentation

Document in student record, complete Stock Medication Admin Form, submit report within 24 hours.

Replacement & Inventory

Nurses maintain inventory and prompt replacement of used/expired inhalers.

Limitations

Does not replace student-prescribed inhalers; students must provide their own medication and documentation.

Legal Considerations

Complies with Kentucky emergency medication guidance and liability protections.

Review Schedule

Policy reviewed annually with the School Health Team.