

Student Health Policies

- **Asthma Management**
- **Diabetes Management**
- **Administration of Medication**
- **ADA/504 Guidelines**

Asthma Management Policy

There are currently 19,414 CPS students with documented asthma, representing 5% of students in CPS.

- This new policy promotes the awareness and management of students with asthma.
- Asthma is the #1 chronic disease impacting CPS students.

Asthma Management Policy

Specifically the policy:

- Identifies staff training requirements
- Permits students to carry and self-administer their asthma medication with parent permission
- Identifies the 504 plan requirements
- Provides Asthma Management guidelines to ensure proper implementation of this policy

CPS is one of the first large school districts in the nation to create a stand-alone asthma policy.

Diabetes Management Policy

There are currently 659 documented students in 305 schools (public and charter) who have type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

- This new policy will implement the requirements of the Illinois Care of Students with Diabetes Act (December 2010).
- This Act recognizes that a school nurse may not be in a school full-time, and therefore, provides for the identification and training of a Delegated Care Aide (DCA) for every student with diabetes.

Diabetes Management Policy

- School staff volunteering as DCAs will be provided with a stipend and will be trained to perform all of the functions required to assist a student with diabetes.
- Diabetes Management guidelines will be issued to ensure proper implementation of this policy.

The DCA does not take the place of a nurse and will assist a student with diabetes in the event the school nurse is not available.

The current policy is being amended to:

- Modify the requirements and protocols for over the counter medication to allow student access with parent/guardian consent
- Include staff training regarding ADHD medications
- Distribute stock epi-pens to CPS schools in accordance with the new state law
 - Stock epi-pens will be used in emergencies by a school nurse.
- Authorize the district to publish Medication Guidelines to ensure proper implementation of this policy

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)/504

- Rescinds former policies and establishes a consolidated ADA and 504 policy
- Creates a clear and aligned system for CPS to address disability-related accommodations, requests, complaints, and appeals for students, employees and others

Specifically the consolidated policy:

- Eliminates confusion regarding which CPS office is responsible for receiving and handling requests, accommodations, and appeals for both students and adults
- Establishes timeline for CPS to respond