



POLICY 3.2 ALLERGIC REACTION – ANAPHYLAXIS

The Board of Education recognizes the right of children and staff to learn and to work in a safe environment. As a result, the Board will take steps to alter the environment to accommodate children and staff who are susceptible to anaphylaxis in the school setting. While it is impossible for the Board to ensure an allergen-free environment, the Board is committed to making schools as safe as possible for children and staff.

Ensuring the safety of the anaphylactic children in a school setting depends on the cooperation of the entire school community. All schools and school district buildings will be scent-considerate workplaces as part of this process. Employees or students that wear strong perfumes or scents will be asked to reduce or eliminate the use of these products.

"Anaphylaxis – sometimes called "allergic shock" or "generalized allergic reaction" – is a severe allergic reaction that can be fatal since a reaction can develop within seconds of exposure. Common causes are food, latex, insect stings, medication and exercise.

Guidelines

1. While the Board cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Board will take reasonable steps to provide an allergy-safe and allergy-aware environment for students with life-threatening allergies.
 - 1.1. The district will ensure a general awareness plan regarding allergies and anaphylaxis is provided to staff.
2. All schools must implement the steps outlined in Administrative Procedures on anaphylaxis, which include:
 - 2.1. A process for identifying anaphylactic students.
 - 2.2. A process for keeping a record with information relating to the specific allergies for each identified anaphylactic student to form part of the student's Permanent Student Record.
 - 2.3. A process for establishing an emergency procedure plan, to be reviewed annually, for each identified anaphylactic student to form part of the student's student record.
 - 2.4. An education for anaphylactic students and their parents to encourage the use by anaphylactic students of Medic-Alert identification.
 - 2.5. Procedures for storage and administering medications, including procedures for obtaining preauthorization from both the student's physician and the student's parents, for employees to administer medication to an anaphylactic student; and,
 - 2.5.1. For students who have not been identified as anaphylactic, the standard emergency procedure is to call emergency; school staff should not administer medication to unidentified students.



- 2.6. A process for principals to monitor and report information about anaphylactic incidents to the board in aggregate form.