

Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response

Purpose

This policy directs school employees and parents or guardians to be informed and aware of life-threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and how to prevent and respond to such medical emergencies in a school setting.

Scope

This policy applies to district employees, students and parents or guardians.

Policy

1. The Board of Directors expects school administrators, teachers and support staff to be informed and aware of life-threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and understand how to deal with the resulting medical emergencies. For students, some common life-threatening allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, fish, bee or other insect stings, latex and some medications. Affected students require planned care and support during the school day and during school-sponsored activities.
 - 1.1. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction that may involve systems of the entire body. Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical treatment and follow-up care by an allergist/immunologist.
2. Parents or guardians are responsible for informing the school about their student's potential risk for anaphylaxis and for ensuring the provision of ongoing health information and necessary medical supplies.
3. The district will take reasonable measures to avoid allergens for affected students. The district will also train all staff in the awareness of anaphylaxis and prepare them to respond to emergencies. Additionally, student-specific training will be provided for appropriate personnel.
4. Even with the district's best efforts, staff and parents or guardians need to be aware that it is not possible to achieve a completely allergen-free environment. However, the district will take precautions to reduce the risk of a student having an anaphylactic reaction by developing strategies to minimize the presence of allergens in schools.
5. The Superintendent will establish procedures to support this policy and to ensure:
 - (a) Rescue protocol in cases of suspected anaphylaxis will follow OSPI's *Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis* (2009).
 - (b) A simple and standardized format for emergency care plans is utilized.
 - (c) A protocol is in place to ensure emergency care plans are current and completed.
 - (d) Medication orders are clear and unambiguous.
 - (e) Training and documentation is a priority.

Related Procedures

3416P1-Medication at School

3419P1-Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

3420P1-Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response

Policy Cross References

3416-Medication at School

3419-Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

Policy Legal References

RCW 28A.210.380 – Anaphylaxis – Policy Guidelines – Procedures – Report

Management Resources

Policy News, August 2012 – Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response

Policy News, February 2009 – Anaphylaxis Prevention Policy Required

Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis – OSPI, March 2009

Policy History

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