

Effective Date: 8/20/19	500-35 Anaphylaxis Policy
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Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction. In treating anaphylaxis, epinephrine is a first line of treatment and needs to be given immediately to be most effective. Some students and adults have prescribed epinephrine auto-injectors to treat their severe allergy. Students with known severe allergies should have a health plan with the school health office; that plan should be followed.

There may be a time when an individual has a severe allergic reaction that has not been identified before. In these cases, state law allows trained school staff members to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student or other individual believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction, regardless of whether the student or other individual has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector.

Procedures:

Stock epinephrine auto-injectors will be available during the school day in each building during regular school hours. North Star Academy and Raleigh Academy will be stocked with 1 EpiPen Auto-Injector pack (each pack contains 2 pens). EpiPens come in a Junior Dose for those between 33 - 66 pounds and the regular dose for those over 66 pounds. Each school will have one 2-pack of each dose (junior and regular).

The EpiPens will be available for individuals with unidentified allergies and experience an unexpected anaphylactic reaction during the school day. These are not intended for students who have identified severe allergies and a health plan requiring them to have an EpiPen available at all times.

The stock EpiPens will be kept in the Nurse's Office. At North Star they are located in the emergency medication drawer. At Raleigh they are located in the emergency medication bag. They are not locked during regular school day hours. The EpiPens will remain at the school and will not be taken on fieldtrips.

Training:

Office personnel and building administrators who are consistently in the buildings during regular school hours, health assistants, LPN and other staff designated by the Licensed School Nurse will be trained on EpiPen administration. Training includes what signs or symptoms to look for that indicate Anaphylaxis and how to

administer the EpiPen. Calling 911 and documentation will be standard practice when an EpiPen is used. District Licensed School Nurse will be responsible for the training of building personnel.

Maintenance:

EpiPen Auto-Injectors have a life of approximately 18 months. District Licensed School Nurses will be responsible for monitoring the expiration dates on the pens and requesting replacement pens. Pens should be examined quarterly. Replacement pens will also be requested in the event that the pens are used to treat Anaphylaxis.

Legal References

MN Statutes 121A.2207