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Cook County Schools ISD 166

Anaphylaxis Policy

**Introduction:**

For the purposes of this policy, the term "Cook County Schools" may be used interchangeably

with Independent School District 166 or ISD 166. These titles refer to Sawtooth Mountain

Elementary and Cook County Middle School and Cook County High School collectively.

This policy refers to services and programs that are provided during the school day and on

campus. The definition of school day describes a student instructional day from the 7:45 a.m.

until 3:15 p.m. The school district is not responsible for providing medication or other health

condition management or direct care for students on campus or off campus before or after the

school day. This holds true regardless if the student activity is school affiliated.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the provisions to address the potential risk for

anaphylaxis during the instructional day pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 121A.2205 and MS

121A.2207. Districts and schools may obtain and possess epinephrine auto-injectors to be

maintained and administered by school personnel to a student or other individual if, in good

faith, it is determined they are experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the student or

individual has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector.

**General Statement of Policy:**

As it is impossible to totally eliminate allergens from the school setting, staff must be prepared to

recognize severe allergic reactions, called anaphylaxis, and must have the means to treat it.

Cook County Schools recognizes that some individuals may experience anaphylaxis for the first

time in the school setting, and thus may require emergency medication for which they do not

have a prescription. It is the policy of Cook County Schools to provide Epinephrine

auto-injectors (Epi-pens) for each school, to be administered by a trained staff member to any

individual who is believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. No prescription or doctor's order is needed. Staff are protected under the Good Samaritan Act.

Students and staff who are known to have severe allergies and risk of anaphylaxis should have their own Epi-pens and should either carry them with them at all times or have them in the Health Office in case it is needed. In the event that someone who has an Epi-pen does not have it and has an anaphylactic reaction, stock Epi-pens may be administered. This is not the purpose of stock Epinephrine auto-injectors, though. **Epinephrine auto-injectors that are prescribed to a person with known risk of anaphylaxis may not be administered to anyone other than the person to whom they are prescribed.**

A district or school may enter into arrangements with manufacturers of epinephrine auto-injectors to obtain epinephrine auto-injectors at fair-market, free, or reduced prices. A third party, other than a manufacturer or supplier, may pay for a school's supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.

**Requirements:**

A. The District will develop a plan to train staff to recognize anaphylaxis and administer the life-saving medication epinephrine while quickly summoning emergency care.

B. A plan will be developed to include purchase, proper maintenance and storage of the epinephrine.

C. Elementary school will stock two doses of 0.15 mg of epinephrine via auto-injector and secondary school and middle school will stock two doses of 0.3 mg epinephrine for each school. 0.15mg doses of epinephrine are to be used on those who weigh less than 66 pounds.

D. Stock epinephrine will be available in each building in the AED boxes.

E. Staff who are here after hours will be trained on how to use Epi-pens so that someone is available as the school nurse is only available during the school day.

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**Legal References:**

Minnesota Statute § 121A.2205 (Possession and Use of Epinephrine AutoInjectors; Model

Policy)

Minnesota Statute § 121.2207 (Life-Threatening Allergies in Schools: Stock Supply of

Epinephrine Auto-Injectors)