

ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

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 a Licensed Healthcare Provider (LHP).

The Kettle Falls School District Board of Directors expects school administrators, teachers and support staff to be informed and aware of life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and 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. Additionally, any student could potentially have a life threatening allergic reaction even without a history of such.

Parents/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. The district will take reasonable measures to avoid allergens for affected students. The district will also train staff in the awareness of anaphylaxis and prepare them to respond to emergencies. Staff is defined as a staff person to whom students are assigned. Additionally, student specific training will be provided for appropriate personnel.

Even with the district's best efforts, staff and parents/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 with a history of anaphylaxis coming into contact with the offending allergen in school.

The district may maintain at designated school locations a supply of undesignated epinephrine autoinjectors based on the number of students enrolled at the school. Undesignated epinephrine autoinjectors must be obtained with a prescription in the name of the school district by a licensed health professional within the scope of their prescribing authority and must be accompanied by a standing order protocol for their administration.

In the event a student with a current prescription for an epinephrine autoinjector on file at the school experiences an anaphylactic event, the school nurse or designated trained school personnel may use the school supply of epinephrine autoinjectors to respond if the student's supply is not immediately available. In the event a student with a current prescription for epinephrine on file with the school or a student with undiagnosed anaphylaxis experiences an anaphylactic event, the school nurse may utilize the school supply of epinephrine to respond under the standing order protocol.

The school's supply of epinephrine autoinjectors does not negate parent/guardian responsibilities to ensure that they provide the school with appropriate medication and treatment orders pursuant to RCW 28A.210.320 if their student is identified with a life-threatening allergy.

The superintendent will establish procedures to support this policy and to ensure:

- 1) Rescue protocol in cases of suspected anaphylaxis will follow OSPI's *Guideline for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis (2009)*;
- 2) A simple and standardized format for emergency care plans is utilized;
- 3) A protocol is in place to ensure emergency care plans are current and completed;
- 4) Medication orders are clear and unambiguous;
- 5) Staff training and documentation is a priority.
- 6) Each school's supply of epinephrine autoinjectors, if any, is maintained pursuant to manufacturer's instructions and district medication policy and procedures.

Cross References:	Policy 3419	Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications
	Policy 3416	Medication at School
	Policy 3418	Emergency Treatment
	Policy 3419	Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications
	Form 3420	Employee Administration of Epinephrine by Autoinjector Opt Out

Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.320	Children with life-threatening conditions
health	RCW 28A.210.383	Anaphylaxis – Policy Guidelines – Procedures – Report

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Mgmt. Resources:	OSPI Guidelines for
the Care of Students	with Anaphylaxis
<i>Policy and Legal News</i> , Nov. 2013	Discretionary new epinephrine autoinjector law allows districts to stock and administer their own supply of epinephrine autoinjectors