



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.10 (ARROW LAKES) POLICY MANUAL

331 – Anaphylaxis

1.0 General

- 1.1 The Board of Education recognizes that it has a duty of care to students who are at risk from life-threatening allergic reactions while under school supervision. The Board also recognizes that this responsibility is shared among the student, parents, the school system and health care providers.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to minimize the risk to students with severe allergies to potentially life-threatening allergens without depriving the severely allergic student of normal peer interactions or placing unreasonable restrictions on the activities of other students in the school.
- 1.3 This policy is designed to ensure that students at risk are identified, strategies are in place to minimize the potential for accidental exposure, and staff and key volunteers are trained to respond in an emergency situation.

2.0 Guidelines

- 2.1 **Definition of anaphylaxis:** Anaphylaxis is a sudden and severe allergic reaction, which can be fatal, requiring immediate medical emergency measures to be taken.
- 2.2 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. All schools must implement the steps outlined in District Protocol on anaphylaxis, which include:
 - 2.2.1 A process for identifying anaphylactic students.
 - 2.2.2 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.
 - 2.2.3 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.
 - 2.2.4 An education plan for anaphylactic students and their parents to encourage the use by anaphylactic students of Medic-Alert identification.
 - 2.2.5 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.
 - 2.2.5.1 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.
 - 2.2.6 A process for principals to monitor and report information about anaphylactic incidents to the District in aggregate form.