

POLICY 5.40 SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION

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.

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.

While the Board cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Board will take reasonable steps to provide an allergen-safe and allergen-aware environment for students with life-threatening allergies.

The Superintendent will establish Administrative Procedures designed to ensure that:

- students at risk are identified,
- records are kept for each identified anaphylactic student,
- emergency procedure plans and education plans are established,
- strategies are in place to minimize the potential for accidental exposure,
- storage and medication administration processes are established
- staff and key volunteers are trained consistently with the Anaphylactic Framework
- processes are in place for principals to monitor and report information about anaphylactic incidents to the board in aggregate form