

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section SCHOOLS & STUDENTS

Policy Name SABRINA'S LAW – (ANAPHYLAXIS)

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POLICY

The Superior-Greenstone District School Board is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff. In particular, this includes all those who may be susceptible to anaphylaxis.

The Board will work together with parents/guardians, health care professionals and school staffs to reduce the risk of the occurrence of a life-threatening allergic reaction while students are in the care of the school.

This policy is established in accordance with the criteria outlined in *Sabrina's Law – An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils*.

DEFINITIONS

“anaphylaxis” the term used to describe a severe systemic allergic reaction which can be fatal, resulting in circulatory collapse or shock

PROCEDURE

Every school principal will establish a school anaphylactic plan which includes procedures for the following:

- The development and maintenance of strategies that reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas.
- General communication plans for the dissemination of information on life-threatening allergies to parents, students and staff of the school.
- Specific communication plans to communicate relevant information concerning type of allergy, monitoring and avoidance strategies and appropriate treatment to all persons who may supervise students who have been identified as anaphylactic students.
- Annual training for all staff, and where applicable, for volunteers on dealing with life threatening allergies.
- An emergency procedure plan for each identified anaphylactic student.
- A system that ensures that a comprehensive and current file that contains relevant treatment and other information is kept on each identified anaphylactic student.

- A system that maintains a current emergency contact list for each identified anaphylactic student.
- Storage for additional epinephrine auto injectors.
- Registration procedures that require that parents supply information on life-threatening allergies.

Every school principal shall:

- Ensure that the necessary Forms related to medical/health issues are completed and updated annually.

The Individual Plan shall include:

- Details informing school staff and others who are in direct contact with the student on a regular basis of the type of allergy, monitoring and avoidance strategies and appropriate treatment.
- A readily accessible emergency procedure for the student, including emergency contact information.
- Storage for epinephrine auto-injectors, where necessary.