



XXXX: Anaphylaxis (P)

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide as safe a learning environment as practicable for all students, including those with life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis). Anaphylaxis is defined as a sudden and severe allergic reaction that can lead to death if untreated, typically caused by exposure to specific allergens such as certain foods, insect stings, medications, or latex. Immediate treatment with epinephrine is essential to prevent severe outcomes.

Even though each situation is unique, and each student's allergies are different, there must be consistent strategies in each school. Schools must endeavor to minimize the risk of exposure without depriving the anaphylactic student of ordinary peer interactions or placing unreasonable restrictions on the activities of other students in the school. Parental/guardian involvement in all phases of planning must be encouraged, as it can result in the greatest degree of success and community acceptance.

While it is impossible to guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Board is committed to fostering "allergy-aware" schools through education, awareness, preventative strategies, and effective emergency response protocols.

Resources and References

Anaphylaxis Protection Order (M232/07)
Anaphylactic and Child Safety Framework
Vancouver School Board Administrative Procedure 317: Anaphylaxis
Allergy Aware Resources for School Communities