

# WALLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## WALLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

### Policy

#### Epi-Pen

The Wallington Public School District shall permit the administration of epinephrine via epi-pens to pupils for anaphylaxis. As permitted by P.L. 1997 Ch. 368 and codified as N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.5 and 12.6 under emergency conditions.

The parents or guardians of the affected pupil shall provide the Board of Education with a written authorization for the administration of the epi-pens.

In addition, the parents or guardians shall provide written orders or prescription from their physician or advanced practice nurse. The prescription or orders shall state that the pupil is in need of the administration of the epi-pen for anaphylaxis and that the student does not have the capacity to administer the medication him/herself.

The Board of Education hereby informs parents and/or guardians in writing, that if the procedures specified in the law are followed, the employees or agents of the district shall have no liability as a result of injury from the administration of the medication.

The Board of Education shall require that parents or guardians of the pupil sign a statement acknowledging that, if the procedures specified in the act are followed, the district shall have no liability as a result of injury arising from the administration of the medication. The signed statement shall indemnify and hold harmless the district from any claims arising from administrations of the epi-pen to the pupil.

Permission for the administration of epinephrine via epi-pens shall be granted for the school year in which it is requested only and must be renewed in each subsequent school year that it is needed by fulfilling the requirements of this policy.

The school nurse has primary responsibility for the administration of the epi-pen. However, the school nurse in consultation with the Board, may designate, another employee of the district to administer the epi-pen when the school nurse is not present if the following requirements are met: (a) the designated employee has been trained in the administration of the

epi-pen by the school nurse using standardized training protocols established by the Department of Education in consultation with the Department of Health; (b) the parents/guardians consent in writing to the administration of the epi-pen by the designated employee; (c) the Board informs the parents/guardians in writing that, if the Board approved procedures are followed, the district and its employees or agents will not be liable as a result of any injury arising from the administration of the epi-pen; (d) the parents sign a statement acknowledging that, if the district procedures are followed, the district shall have no liability as a result of injury which arises from the administration of epi-pen and the parents/guardians will indemnify and hold harmless the district and its officers and employees against any and all claims arising from the administration of the epi-pen; and (e) permission for the Board to administer epi-pen is then effective for the school year in which it is granted and may be renewed only upon fulfillment of the above requirements.

The school nurse or the employee designated to administer the epi pen shall ensure that the student receives immediate medical care following the administration of the epi-pen.

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