

THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SUBJECT:

ANAPHYLAXIS (Severe Allergic Reaction)

3D:12



POLICY STATEMENT:

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is committed to the fundamental principle of 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 term used to describe a severe systemic allergic reaction which can be fatal, resulting in circulatory collapse or shock.

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 Catholic school.

This policy is established in accordance with the criteria outlined in *Sabrina's Law – An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils*. Sabrina's Law has been enacted as Chapter 7 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2005.

PROCEDURE:

The Board shall provide the following to all schools within its jurisdiction:

- Signage posted in prominent areas of the school that informs the public that measures are in place to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents.
- Board issued correspondence outlining strategies for parents/guardians, students, and employees to cooperate in reducing the risks to all anaphylactic students.
- Two “regular” generic epinephrine auto injectors (0.30 mg) to all elementary and Secondary schools.
- The epinephrine auto injectors shall be renewed when required.

Every school principal shall:

- Ensure that, upon registration, parents/guardians are asked to supply information on life-threatening allergies.
- Develop or maintain an Individual Plan for each student who has an anaphylactic allergy.
- Maintain a file for each anaphylactic student of current treatment and other information, including a copy of any prescription and instructions from the student's physician and a current emergency contact list.

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- Ensure that all staff are informed of the presence of an anaphylactic student and are adequately trained to deal with an emergency. Principals are to provide annual training for all employees and others who are in direct contact with students on a regular basis, for dealing with life-threatening allergies.
- Ensure that the necessary Forms (3D:12, A & B) related to medical/health issues are completed and updated annually.
- Ensure that all staff are informed of the presence of an anaphylactic student and are adequately trained to deal with an emergency. Principals are to provide annual training for all employees and others who are in direct contact with students on a regular basis, for dealing with life-threatening allergies.

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.

BOARD APPROVAL:

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 March 26, 2012

EFFECTIVE DATE:

March 2, 2004
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