

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: CHIEF STUDENT AND SYSTEMIC SUPPORTS OFFICER, DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENTS WITH ANAPHYLACTIC ALLERGIES OR PERCEIVED SYMPTOMS OF ANAPHYLAXIS

A. PURPOSE

To reduce the risk to students with anaphylactic allergies in accordance with State law.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) recognizes there are students in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) whose allergic reactions to certain anaphylactic-causative agents such as foods, insects, or medications could be life threatening and require immediate medical response by using auto-injectable epinephrine. This policy authorizes appropriate staff to prepare and respond to known or perceived anaphylactic emergencies.

C. POSITION

1. AACPS shall comply with the *Maryland State School Health Service Guidelines: Management of Anaphylaxis in Schools* issued jointly by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common areas.
2. School administrators, staff, and school health professionals shall identify those students who attend their school and are at risk of having an anaphylactic reaction to a known allergen. Staff members with a legitimate educational interest, as defined in the *Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act*, shall be made aware of the student's allergy, and work with a school health professional to ensure they can recognize the symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction, the location of and access to the student's auto-injectable epinephrine, whether or not the student is able to self-administer, and receive instruction on the proper procedure to follow in administering the epinephrine.
3. The administration of epinephrine to a student who is experiencing an anaphylactic allergic reaction, in consultation with a school health professional, may be necessary

to prevent a fatal reaction. The school principal, in consultation with the school nurse, shall identify staff who shall be prepared to respond to an anaphylactic emergency in accordance with the regulations.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted on 02/02/11; Revised 02/06/13; 09/04/24

Note Previous Policy History: None

Legal References: Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Sections 7-426.1 and 7-426.2 of the Education Article, Maryland State School Health Services Guidelines: Management of Anaphylaxis in Schools