

**Policy Statement #3920 (Students) of the Board of Education Regarding
Availability and Use of Auto-Injectable Epinephrine**

I. Purpose

- A. To establish guidelines for Calvert County Public Schools to provide auto-injectable epinephrine in each school under existing federal, state, and local laws and regulations and other school system policies

II. Definitions:

- A. Anaphylaxis – A sudden severe, potentially life-threatening reaction that affects multiple organ systems of the body. Anaphylaxis can be fatal and requires immediate medical attention. Allergens such as insect bites or stings, foods, latex or medications may cause the reaction, or it may be idiopathic, or exercise induced. Anaphylaxis usually occurs immediately and progresses rapidly but may also be delayed several hours after exposure to the allergen.
- B. Student Day – The hours from Monday through Friday when a school is open and scheduled to provide academic instruction to students enrolled in Calvert County Public Schools.
- C. Employee – An individual whose compensation is paid by Calvert County Public Schools.

III. Policy Statement

- A. It is the policy of Calvert County Public Schools to provide auto-injectable epinephrine in each school, to be administered by a school nurse or employee of the school system who is authorized and trained in the administration of epinephrine to any student believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction on school premises during the school day.
- B. Policy Limitations – Parents of students with known life-threatening allergies and/or anaphylaxis should provide the school with written instructions from the student’s health care provider for handling anaphylaxis and all necessary medications for implementing the student-specific order on an annual basis. This anaphylaxis policy is not intended to replace student-specific orders or parent-provided individual medications. This policy does not extend to activities off school grounds (including transportation to and from school, field trips, etc.) or outside of the student day (sporting events, extra-curricular activities, etc.).
- C. The school nurse or school employee who is authorized and trained in the administration of epinephrine, who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a student believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

IV. Delegation

- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective November 7, 2019.

Citations

State Law:

State Reg.: Senate Bill 621 (SB621), Education Article 7-426.2

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation:

Related Policies

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