

Anaphylaxis Management Policy
Board of Education
Wrightstown Community School District

Wrightstown Community School District is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for students. The District understands the increasing prevalence of life threatening allergies among school populations. Recognizing that the risk of accidental exposure to allergens can be reduced in the school setting, the District is committed to working in collaboration with parents, students, and healthcare providers to minimize risks and provide a safe educational environment for all students. The focus of allergy management shall be on prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response.

The goals for allergy management include:

1. To define a formal process for identifying, managing and ensuring continuity of care for students with life-threatening allergies across all transitions (PreK-12).
2. To maintain the health and protect the safety of children who have life-threatening allergies in ways that are developmentally appropriate, promoting self-advocacy and competence in self-care and provide appropriate educational opportunities.
3. To ensure that interventions and allergy management plan for students with life-threatening allergies are based on medically accurate information and evidence-based practices.

Parents/guardians are responsible for informing the school about their student's potential risk for anaphylaxis and for ensuring the provision of ongoing health information and necessary medical supplies. The district will also train all professional staff in the awareness of anaphylaxis and prepare them to respond to emergencies. Additionally, student specific training will be provided for appropriate personnel.

In the event of an allergic reaction of a student that is not an anaphylactic reaction, Benadryl (Diphenhydramine) may be given orally by a staff member

A written consent from a parent/guardian is needed prior to administering Benadryl to a student. In the event that a written consent is unable to be obtained, a verbal consent from parent or emergency contact may be taken with written permission received at a later date.

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In the event of an anaphylactic reaction, an Epi-Pen should be administered according to protocol. In the event of an anaphylactic reaction of a student who does not have their own prescribed Epi-Pen, an “unassigned” Epi-Pen may be administered by a staff member who has been adequately trained. If Epi-Pen is administered, a call is made to 911.

If Benadryl (Diphenhydramine) is given, the student needs to be monitored. The student needs to go home with the recommendation that the student be monitored for 6 hours in case of a delayed reaction.

The administration and staff will act affirmatively and work closely with parents to assure that the needs of children with documented allergies are taken into consideration in planning for district programs.

Reference: Wisconsin State Statute 118.35
Wisconsin State Statute 121.02 (1) (t)
PI 8.01 (2) (t), Wisconsin Administrative Code

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