

# ***Dell Rapids School District #49-3***

## **Policies and Regulations Code: JHCDB - STUDENTS**



### **JHCDB Epinephrine Auto-Injectors**

The District may acquire and maintain a stock of epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to a prescription issued by an authorized health care provider for use in an emergency situation of a severe allergic reaction causing anaphylaxis.

All epinephrine auto-injectors must be stored in a locked medicine cabinet, managed by the school nurse or school personnel trained in administration of epinephrine auto-injector or administration of medication. Epinephrine auto-injectors to be stored and/or administered must be in a pharmacy labeled container. The label must specify the name of physician/licensed health care provider, the date of the prescription and the directions for use.

No school employee, other than the school nurse, shall be required to be trained by a licensed health care professional for the purpose of being trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors, or shall be required to administer epinephrine auto-injectors, without the employee's prior written consent. Any school nurse, or other school personnel who have received appropriate training, may:

1. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student in accordance with a prescription specific to the student on file with the school;
2. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any student during school hours if the school nurse or designated school personnel believe that the student is experiencing anaphylaxis in accordance with a standing protocol from an authorized health care provider, regardless of whether a student has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector or has been diagnosed with an allergy.
3. Prior to administering an epinephrine auto-injector made available by the school, each designated school personnel shall be trained by a licensed health care professional:
  - a. To recognize the symptoms of a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction;
  - b. To know the procedure for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector;
  - c. To know the procedure for storage of an epinephrine auto-injector; and

d. To know the emergency care and aftercare for a student who has an allergic or anaphylactic reaction.

Pursuant to state law, no administrator, school nurse, or designated school personnel, the District or the School Board, that makes available or possesses or epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to law, may be held liable for any injury or related damage that results from the administration of, self-administration of, or failure to administer an epinephrine auto-injector that may constitute ordinary negligence, however, this immunity does not apply to an act or omission constituting gross, willful, or wanton negligence.

The District, through the student handbooks and such other means as identified by the Superintendent, shall notify the parents or guardians of each student about the policy.

**Legal References:**

SDCL 13-33A (School health services)

ARSD 20:48:04.01:09 (Training required for delegated prescription medication administration)

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