

Elkin City Schools

Emergency Action Plan For Use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors (Epi-Pens)

I. POLICY

It is the policy of Elkin City Schools to take every possible action to comply with all emergency regulations and protect students, staff and visitors in emergency situations. During the school day and at school-sponsored events on school property, a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors shall be available for use by trained school personnel to provide emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction. "School Property" does not include transportation to or from school.

II. EMERGENCY PLAN COORDINATOR

The school principal is responsible for making sure this emergency action plan is kept up to date and reviewed as needed, but at least once per year. Other staff, such as the school nurse, may be delegated to maintain the school supplies of Epi-Pens and monitor their expiration dates.

III. RESPONDING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

- A. Anaphylaxis can affect almost any part of the body and cause various symptoms. The most dangerous symptoms include breathing difficulties and a drop in blood pressure or shock, which are potentially fatal.

Medications

- Epinephrine
- Antihistamines

Treatment of anaphylaxis is centered on treating the rapidly progressing effects of the histamine release in the body with epinephrine. The allergen should also be removed immediately.

- B. A supply of at least two (2) emergency epinephrine auto-injectors (Epi-Pens) will be available at each school for use by trained school personnel and will be stored in an unlocked and easily accessible location. School specific administrative regulations, standards and procedures will be followed for the storage and emergency use of epinephrine auto-injectors by trained school personnel.

C. Employee Training

All personnel performing emergency medical aid to persons suffering from an anaphylactic reaction must have received training for:

1. Recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis and Epi-Pen Administration.
2. Certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
3. Completing an Anaphylaxis Report Form
4. Calling emergency services and contacting a student's parent and physician.

- D. One or more principal designated school personnel shall receive initial training and annual retraining from the school nurse or other qualified trainer.

- E. A supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors provided in accordance with this plan shall not be used as the sole medication supply for students known to have a medical condition requiring the availability or use of an epinephrine auto-injector. Those students may be authorized to possess and self-administer their medication on school property under 56G.S. 115C-375.2.