EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

A. Students who are prescribed epinephrine to treat anaphylaxis shall be allowed to self-posex and self-administer the medication if they have their physician’s approval on record with the school.

B. Commencing with the 2014-15 school year, each school in the District shall have at least two (2) epinephrine auto-injectors (Epi-Pens) available at the school site. It shall be the responsibility of principals to be sure that the supply of Epi-Pens is maintained at the appropriate level and they have not expired. A nurse or appropriately trained staff shall also be responsible for coordinating the training of District employees to administer Epi-Pen injections and to maintain the list of employees authorized to administer such injections.

C. The monitoring and review of this process shall be the responsibility of the District’s Safety Committee Chairperson. The Safety Committee has responsibility for overseeing student and staff safety while they are on district owned or operated premises throughout the District.

D. Individuals Qualified to Administer

1. Only a licensed, registered professional nurse employed by the District or a school employee who has successfully passed the required training shall be allowed to possess and administer Epi-Pen injections to students. A list of the persons authorized to use the District maintained Epi-Pens will be maintained in each school by the principal, and shall be available on an electronically accessible site for employees’ reference.

2. Each school shall have at least one person trained in the appropriate use and administration of an Epi-Pen injection. In each school with ten (10) or more combined instructional and administrative staff, at least (2) employees at that site shall be appropriately trained in the use of an Epi-Pen.

3. Training of employees on the appropriate use and administration of an Epi-Pen injection shall be done in accordance with any guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Education, and shall be conducted under the supervision of a licensed registered professional nurse. The training shall include an evaluation by the nurse of the employees’ understanding of the protocols for administering an Epi-Pen injection.
E. **Students to Whom Injections May be Administered**

A licensed, registered, professional nurse or trained and authorized employees under this policy may administer Epi-Pen injections to: 1) any student who has a prescription on file with the District, in accordance with the directives in such prescription, and 2) any individual on school grounds who is believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction.

F. **Report of Injections**

1. Any person who administers an Epi-Pen injection to a student shall promptly notify the building principal, who shall be responsible for promptly notifying the student’s parent/guardian that an injection has been administered.

2. All Epi-Pen injections by District employees to students shall be reported in writing to the Safety Committee Chairperson. The report shall include whether the student was previously known to be subject to severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

3. The Safety Committee Chairperson shall at least annually report to the Department of Education, in the form and manner determined by the Department, information on the number of injections provided to students, the number of injections with district Epi-Pens and the number of incidents where students were not known to be subject to severe allergic reactions.

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