

ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction that may involve systems of the entire body. Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical treatment and follow-up care by emergency services and/or an allergist/immunologist.

The Eastmont School District Board of Directors expects school administrators, teachers and support staff to be informed and aware of life-threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and how to deal with the resulting medical emergencies. For students, some common life-threatening allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, fish, bee or other insect stings and latex. Affected students require planned care and support during the school day and during school sponsored activities.

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 take reasonable measures to avoid allergens for affected students. The District will also train all staff in the awareness of anaphylaxis and prepare them to respond to emergencies. Additionally, student specific training will be provided for appropriate personnel.

Even with the District's best efforts, staff and parents/guardians need to be aware that it is not possible to achieve a completely allergen-free environment. However, the District will take precautions to reduce the risk of a student having an anaphylactic reaction by developing strategies to minimize the presence of allergens in schools.

Fragrance Free Environment

In recognition that strong scents and fragrances may aggravate student, employee, and visitor health and respiratory issues as well as contribute to poor indoor air quality, Eastmont requires employees and students to avoid the use of strongly fragrant substances. This includes hand sanitizers, cologne, perfume, scented lotions, hair products, electric candles, air fresheners, plug-in diffusers, etc. In addition, cleaning products with strong scents will only be used during non-student school hours.

Eastmont will display signage throughout the school building to notify and promote a fragrance-free environment.

If a student or staff member is affected by a specific scent, we ask that school staff eliminate the cause of the offensive odor.

The superintendent will establish procedures to support this policy and to ensure:

1. Rescue protocol in cases of suspected anaphylaxis will follow OSPI's Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis (2009);
2. A simple and standardized format for emergency care plans is utilized;

3. A protocol is in place to ensure emergency care plans are current and completed;
4. Medication orders are clear and unambiguous; and
5. Training and documentation are a priority.

Cross References:

Board Policy 3416	Medication at School
Board Policy 3418	Emergency Treatment
Board Policy 3419	Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.383	Anaphylaxis – Policy Guidelines – Procedures – Reports
WAC 392-380	Public schools pupils — Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition

Management Resources:

Policy News, February 2009 Anaphylaxis Prevention Policy Required