

Florence School District #14-1	NEPN Code: JHCDB
Policies and Regulations Code: B- Board Governance and Operations	

EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS AND NASAL SPRAY

The District may acquire and maintain a stock of epinephrine auto-injectors or nasal spray 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 or nasal spray must be stored in a locked medicine cabinet, managed by the school nurse or school personnel trained in administration of epinephrine auto-injector, nasal spray or administration of medication. Epinephrine auto-injectors or nasal spray 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 profession for the purpose of being trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors or nasal spray, or shall be required to administer epinephrine auto-injectors or nasal spray, without the employee's consent. Any school nurse, or other designated school personnel authorized by the School Board, may:

(1) administer an epinephrine auto-injector or nasal spray to a student in accordance with a prescription specific to the student on file with the school;

(2) administer an epinephrine auto-injector or nasal spray 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 nasal spray or has been diagnosed with an allergy.

(3) prior to administering an epinephrine auto-injector or nasal spray 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 and nasal spray;

(c) to know the procedure for storage of an epinephrine auto-injector and nasal spray; 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 or nasal spray 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 or nasal spray 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.

State	Description
ARSD 20:48:04.01:09	Registration required for delegated medication administration
SDCL 13-33A	School health services
SDCL 13-33A-6	Administration of epinephrine auto-injector or nasal spray