

EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS

EMPLOYEE USE:

Licensed Health Professional (Prescriber)-Issued Protocol:

The Superintendent may obtain a prescriber-issued protocol that includes definitive orders for epinephrine autoinjectors and the dosages to be administered through them.

District Protocol:

1. Epinephrine autoinjectors shall be stored at the following location in each school building: clinic or main office.
2. Epinephrine autoinjectors shall be kept in the carrying tube they came in, tightly closed, at room temperature and away from light, extreme temperatures and moisture. Epinephrine autoinjectors must be replaced when the expiration date on the device or device packaging has passed. An epinephrine autoinjector must be disposed of if used or tampered with.
3. In addition to school nurses and athletic trainers, Board employees who have received training in accordance with this policy may access and use an epinephrine autoinjector to provide a dosage of epinephrine to an individual in an emergency situation.
4. The district's nurse or another licensed healthcare provider, shall provide epinephrine autoinjector training to Board employees as determined by the Superintendent, in accordance with this policy. Such training shall include lessons on proper storage, procurement, and use of the epinephrine autoinjector. Such training must be completed before an employee is authorized to access and use an epinephrine autoinjector.
5. A school nurse, athletic trainer, or other employee authorized to access and use an epinephrine autoinjector may use such device if an individual exhibits signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, or in other emergency situations where use is medically necessary.
6. Assistance from an emergency medical service provider must be requested immediately after an epinephrine autoinjector is used.
7. A dosage of epinephrine may be administered through an epinephrine autoinjector in an emergency situation to students, Board employees or contractors, and school visitors.

Each procurement of and occurrence in which an epinephrine autoinjector is used from a school's supply shall be reported to the Department of Education by the Superintendent or designee.

STUDENT USE:

A student attending any school in the district may possess and use at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which his/her school is a participant, an epinephrine autoinjector to treat anaphylaxis if the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. The student has the written approval of the prescriber of the autoinjector and, if the student is a minor, the written approval of his/her parent, guardian or other person having care or charge of the student. This prescriber's written approval on the appropriate form shall contain at least the following information.
 1. The student's name and address;
 2. The names and dosage of the medication contained in the autoinjector;
 3. The date the administration of the medication is to begin;
 4. The date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease;
 5. Acknowledgment that the prescriber has determined that the student is capable of possessing and using the autoinjector appropriately and has provided the student with training in the proper use of the autoinjector;
 6. Circumstances in which the autoinjector should be used;
 7. Written instructions that outline procedures school personnel should follow in the event the student is unable to administer the medication or the medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's anaphylaxis;
 8. Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the autoinjector and that should be reported to the prescriber;
 9. Any severe adverse reactions that may occur to another child, for whom the autoinjector is not prescribed, should such a child receive a dose of the medication;
 10. At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the prescriber in an emergency;

11. At least one emergency telephone number for contacting the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student in an emergency;
 12. Any other special instructions from the prescriber.
- B. The school principal and school nurse assigned to the student’s building have received copies of the written approvals required by division A. of this section of the policy.
- C. The school principal or, if a school nurse is assigned to the student’s school building, the school nurse has received a back-up dose of the anaphylaxis medication from the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of the student, or, if the student is not a minor, from the student.

Whenever a student possesses an autoinjector at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student’s school is a participant, or whenever a school employee administers anaphylaxis medication to a student that was possessed by the student pursuant to the written approval described above, a school employee shall immediately request assistance from an emergency medical service provider.

It is the responsibility of the student’s parent/guardian, or student himself/herself if age 18 or older, to ensure that the student’s epinephrine autoinjector is not expired.

Immunity from Tort Liability

The district, a member of the Board, or a district employee shall not be liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee’s prohibiting a student from using an autoinjector because of the employee’s good faith belief that the conditions of divisions A. and B. of this policy had not been satisfied.

The district, a member of the Board, or a district employee shall not be liable in damages in a civil action or injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from a district employee’s permitting a student to use an autoinjector because of the employee’s good faith belief that the conditions of divisions A. and B. of this policy had been satisfied.

When the district is required to permit a student to possess and use an autoinjector because the conditions of divisions A. and B. of this policy have been satisfied, the district, any member of the Board, or any district employee is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from the use of the autoinjector by a student for whom it was not prescribed.

The district, a member of the Board, or a district employee or contractor is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or

omission associated with procuring, maintaining, accessing, or using an epinephrine autoinjector, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

Nothing in this policy eliminates, limits, or reduces any other immunity or defense that the district, any member of the Board, or any district employee may be entitled to under O.R.C. Chapter 2744, any other provision of the Revised Code, or the common law of the state.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3313.716; 3313.718; 3313.7110

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FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE POSSESSION AND USE OF EPINEPHRINE
AUTOINJECTOR

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Authorization is hereby given for the student named above to:

- receive the prescribed medication indicated from the designated school personnel
- self-administer the prescribed medication as permitted by law.

I have determined the above-named student is capable of possessing and using an autoinjector appropriately and have provided the student with training in the proper use of the autoinjector.

- Yes
- No

Medication Name: _____

Dosage: _____

Date the administration is to begin: _____

Date the administration is to cease: _____

Circumstances in which autoinjector should be used: _____

Adverse reactions that should be reported to the prescriber: _____

Adverse reactions for unauthorized user: _____

Procedure to follow in the event that student is unable to administer or medication does not produce the expected relief from student's anaphylaxis: _____

Other special instructions: _____

Prescriber and parent/guardian names, signature, and emergency phone numbers are required.

Prescriber's name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____
Date _____

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Phone: (Home) _____
(Work) _____
(Other) _____

Signature: _____
Date _____

Copies must be provided to principal and to the school nurse if one is assigned to the student's building.