

Waldorf School of Princeton Policy for Emergency Administration of Epinephrine

1. The parents or guardians of the pupil must provide to the school nurse written authorization for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector. These must be renewed at the beginning of each school year.
2. Written orders for the epinephrine auto-injectors, delegate authorization, an authorization stating the student requires the administration of epinephrine for allergen exposure that may cause anaphylaxis and self-administration authorization if applicable is required and must be renewed at the beginning of each school year by the student's physician.
3. The parents or guardians must supply 2 epinephrine auto-injectors that are current for the school year (September-June) to the school nurse. An antihistamine must also be supplied if ordered. Each student's epinephrine shall be kept in the Health Office in a student specified container in a safe unlocked location. The medication orders and emergency contacts for the student will also be in this container. Each student's respective classroom's emergency bag will contain the 2nd Epinephrine injector for the student, along with the medication orders and contacts. If the student is authorized to self-carry, the backup epinephrine injector will be in the Health office. In this instance, it is the student's responsibility to carry and have available an Epinephrine at all times.
4. The parents or guardians of the student are informed through this policy and the consent form that the school and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising out of the administration of the epinephrine auto-injector. The parent or guardian will acknowledge in writing on the consent form his /her understanding of this and shall indemnify and hold harmless the WSP and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the administration of the epinephrine auto-injector.
5. The parents or guardians of the pupil must provide to the school nurse written emergency contacts and phone numbers to call in the event an epinephrine auto-injector is administered.
6. Life Threatening Medication Orders, Parent Consents and Contacts are the above-mentioned forms. These orders, consents and contacts are effective for the school year for which they are granted and must be renewed each subsequent school year.
7. The school nurse shall have the primary responsibility for the administration of the epinephrine. The school nurse shall designate, in consultation with the school administrator additional employees of the WSP who volunteer to become certified delegates who can administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student with suspected anaphylaxis when the nurse is not physically present at the scene. The following is required:
 - a. The certified delegates are CPR certified. They have been properly trained by the school nurse in the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector using standardized training protocols established by the NJ Department of Education.
 - b. The parents or guardians of the pupil consent in writing to the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector by the certified delegates.
 - c. The permission is effective for the school year (September- June) for which it is granted and is renewed each subsequent school year upon fulfillment of the requirements in this policy.
 - d. A list of students, their life threatening allergies and epinephrine dose ordered shall be kept in each classroom's emergency manual; Pre-care, after-care, subject teachers and certified delegates will be provided these lists.
8. The student must be transported to a hospital emergency room by emergency medical personnel after the administration of epinephrine, even if the pupil's symptoms appear to have resolved.
9. The WSP has a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors, .3mg and .15mg, that is prescribed by the school physician according to NJ law. An epinephrine auto-injector can be administered by the school nurse or certified delegate when a life threatening allergic response is suspected in any student with no known previous history of a life-threatening allergic response. A stock epinephrine will be available on class trips and can be administered by the delegate if anaphylaxis is suspected.
10. The school nurse or certified delegates will administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student who is authorized to self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector if he/she is unable to self-administer when having a suspected anaphylactic reaction.
11. Any employee who acts in good faith shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability arising from actions performed pursuant to NJ law regarding the administration of epinephrine.