

**EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE  
AUTO-INJECTOR DEVICES**

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1 Anaphylaxis is a severe systemic allergic reaction from exposure to allergens that is rapid in  
2 onset and can cause death. Many severe allergies are undiagnosed, and students or others may  
3 experience their first severe allergic reaction while at school. Epinephrine auto-injector devices  
4 can be used to administer epinephrine to provide rapid, convenient first aid for persons suffering  
5 a potentially fatal anaphylactic reaction. This policy addresses the use of emergency epinephrine  
6 auto-injector devices administered under a non-patient specific prescription. Student-specific  
7 orders for epinephrine auto-injector devices are addressed in policy 6125, Administering  
8 Medicines to Students.

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10 Designated trained school personnel are authorized to use emergency epinephrine auto-injector  
11 devices to deliver emergency medical aid to any person suffering from an anaphylactic reaction  
12 during the school day or at a school-sponsored event on school property. The superintendent  
13 shall ensure that at least two emergency epinephrine auto-injector devices are located at each  
14 school for this purpose and are stored in secure, but unlocked and easily accessible, locations.

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16 Each school principal shall designate one or more school personnel, as part of the medical care  
17 program under G.S. 115C-375.1, to receive initial training and annual retraining from a school  
18 nurse or qualified representative of the local health department regarding the storage and  
19 emergency use of epinephrine auto-injector devices. Only such trained personnel are authorized  
20 to administer epinephrine to persons believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction. The  
21 principal shall make reasonable efforts to notify other school staff members as to which  
22 employee(s) has received this training in order to facilitate a prompt emergency response.

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24 The principal, in collaboration with appropriate school personnel, shall create an emergency  
25 action plan for the use of epinephrine auto-injector devices that complies with all state law  
26 requirements. Principals are encouraged to include in the plan school-wide employee training in  
27 recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.

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29 Epinephrine auto-injector devices provided by the school are intended for unforeseen  
30 emergencies. Students known to have medical conditions requiring the availability of an  
31 epinephrine auto-injector device are expected to provide such devices for their use at school.  
32 Parents of students with known life threatening allergies and/or anaphylaxis should provide the  
33 school with written instructions from the students' health care provider for handling anaphylaxis  
34 and all necessary medications for implementing the student specific order in accordance with  
35 policy 6125, Administering Medicines to Students. Students who meet the conditions  
36 established in policy 6125 may possess and self-administer their own medication.

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38 This policy does not require emergency epinephrine auto-injector devices to be available at  
39 activities held off school grounds during or after the school day, including field trips or off-site  
40 athletic events, or during transportation to or from school, except as may be required pursuant to  
41 an individual student's IEP, Section 504 Plan, or health or emergency plan.

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43 Legal References: G.S. 115C-375.1, -375.2A

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- 45 Cross References: Administering Medicines to Students (policy 6125)
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