

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 an allergist/immunologist.

The Colton 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, latex and some medications. Affected students require planned care and support during the school day and during school sponsored activities. Additionally, and student could potentially have a life threatening allergic reaction even without a history of such.

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 with a history of anaphylaxis coming into contact with the offending allergen in school.

The superintendent will establish procedures to support this policy.

Cross References: Board Policy 3420	Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response
Board Policy 3419	Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis medications
Board Policy 3418	Emergency Treatment
Board Policy 3416	Medication at School

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.380	Anaphylaxis – Policy Guidelines – Procedures – Reports
WAC 392-380	Public School Pupils – Immunization Requirement and Life-Threatening Health Condition

Management Resources:
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Policy News, February 2009 Anaphylaxis Prevention Policy Required

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