



POLICY

SO30

Management of Potentially Life-Threatening Health Conditions, Including Administration of Medication, in Schools

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Accountability

1. Frequency of Reports – As needed
2. Criteria for Success – Management of known potentially life-threatening health-conditions within schools
 - Appropriate response strategies communicated with parents/guardians and staff
 - Staff in-service and community awareness

Procedures

The Grand Erie District School Board provides training and resources to support staff to better understand, prevent and respond to a health emergency. A health emergency is defined as a potentially life-threatening health condition.

Training and resources will focus on:

- Administration of Medication
- Anaphylaxis Management (Sabrina's Law)
- Asthma Management (Ryan's Law)
- Diabetes Management
- Seizure Disorder Management

In accordance with Sabrina's Law – Anaphylaxis, it is the policy of the Grand Erie District School Board to establish and maintain a policy for students diagnosed with severe allergic reactions that may potentially end in death. Similarly, in accordance with Ryan's Law – Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, it is the policy of the Grand Erie District School Board to establish and maintain a policy for students diagnosed with asthma. Diabetes and seizure disorder are potentially life-threatening health conditions. Subsequently, it is the policy of the Grand Erie District School Board to establish and maintain a policy for students diagnosed with diabetes and seizure disorder.

Training will consist of staff notification of those students at risk for life-threatening health conditions and steps to reduce the exposure to causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. Staff will be trained in preventative strategies, as well as recognition of triggers, signs, symptoms and risks. Staff will also be trained in the emergency procedures involved to deal with these life-threatening health situations. This may include location of auto-injectors and inhalers and having every staff member knowledgeable in the use of auto-injectors and inhalers.

The policy includes manuals that address the following topics:

- eLITE – Medical Plan Module
- Administration of Medication Manual
- Medical Plan- Anaphylaxis Manual (includes information about peanut butter substitutes)
- Medical Plan – Asthma Manual
- Medical Plan – Diabetes Manual
- Medical Plan – Seizure Disorder and Epilepsy Manual

On-line Student Health Management training packages are available for Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and Seizure Disorder. Training will be documented, and records kept of when the training occurred, and who was provided with this training.

Related Resources:

The “Student Concussion and Head Injury – Resource Package” (SO28) contains materials and instructions necessary to respond to the presence of students diagnosed with concussion in a school.