

Soda Springs School District No. 150 will maintain a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors in its schools to assist students or other individuals on school property requiring immediate medical intervention related to a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Administer" means the direct application of an epinephrine auto-injector to the body of an individual.

"Designated school personnel" means an employee, agent, or volunteer of a school designated by the governing authority of a school who has completed the training to provide or administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student.

"Epinephrine auto-injector" means a device that automatically injects a premeasured dose of epinephrine.

"Self-administration" means a student or other person's discretionary use of an epinephrine auto-injector, whether provided by the student, a school nurse, or other designated school personnel.

## **PRESCRIPTION**

Any physician, advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe, or physician assistant licensed to prescribe may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of a school to be maintained for use in accordance with this policy.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The board authorizes school nurses and designated school personnel to do the following:

1. Provide an epinephrine auto-injector to a student to self-administer the epinephrine auto-injector in accordance with a prescription specific to the student on file with the school nurse.
2. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a student in accordance with a prescription specific to the student on file with the school nurse.
3. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any student or other individual on school premises that the school nurse or designated school personnel in good faith believes is experiencing anaphylaxis regardless of whether the student or other individual has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector.

Each school that maintains a stock supply and administers epinephrine auto-injectors is required to submit a report of each incident at the school or related school event involving a severe allergic reaction or the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to the board or its designee.

**TRAINING**

The board will establish detailed standards for training programs that must be completed by designated school personnel in order to provide or administer an epinephrine auto-injector. Such training may be conducted online and, at a minimum, will cover:

1. Techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis.
2. Standards and procedures for the storage, administration, and disposal of an epinephrine auto-injector.
3. Emergency follow-up procedures.

**IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY**

There will be no civil liability for damages for a school or its employees or agents for any injuries that result from the administration or self-administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, regardless of whether authorization for use was given by the student's parents, guardian, or medical provider, provided the actions taken in administering or providing the injector were reasonable under the circumstances.

The liability protections do not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence, or those that are reckless or constitute willful and wanton behavior.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-520A – Life-Threatening Allergies in Schools

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