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## EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

The Meade School District may acquire and maintain a stock of epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to a prescription issued by an authorized health care provider for use in an emergency situation of a severe allergic reaction causing anaphylaxis.

All epinephrine auto-injectors must be stored in a locked medicine cabinet AND managed by the school nurse or school personnel trained in administration of epinephrine auto-injectors and/or administration of medications.

Any school nurse, or other designated school personnel authorized by the School Board, may:

A. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector to any student during school hours if the school nurse or designated school personnel believe that the student is experiencing anaphylaxis in accordance with a standing protocol from an authorized health care provider, regardless of whether a student has a prescription for an epinephrine auto-injector or has been diagnosed with an allergy.

B. Prior to administering an epinephrine auto-injector, made available by the school, each designated school personnel shall be trained by a licensed health care professional to:

- recognize the symptoms of a severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction;
- know the procedure for the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector;
- know the procedure for storage of an epinephrine auto-injector; and
- know the emergency care and aftercare for a student who has an allergic or anaphylactic reaction.

Pursuant to state law, no administrator, school nurse, or designated school personnel, the District or the School Board, that makes available or possesses or epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to law, may be held liable for any injury or related damage that results from the administration of, self-administration of, or failure to administer an epinephrine auto-injector that may constitute ordinary negligence, however, this immunity does not apply to an act or omission constituting gross, willful, or wanton negligence.

The District, through the student handbooks and such other means as identified by the Superintendent, shall notify the parents or guardians of each student about the policy.

### **Legal References:**

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