

# POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## 1. PURPOSE

To reduce the health risk for students with severe allergic reactions/anaphylaxis as mandated by section 7-426.1 of the Education Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*.

## 2. POLICY

The Somerset County Board of Education is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes optimal health by preparing for medical emergencies that a student may encounter during the school day.

- A. Somerset County Public School (SCPS) staff recognizes that anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction and requires immediate medical response by using auto-injector epinephrine (EpiPens). This policy authorizes appropriate personnel to respond to anaphylactic emergencies.
- B. The SCPS nurse manager is the agent of the school board authorized under the policy to purchase directly from a distributor and distribute to the school nurses the auto injector epinephrine.
- C. In accordance with section 7-426.1, Somerset County Board of Education authorizes school nurses to store auto injector epinephrine in the public schools to be used in an emergency situation.
- D. The school nurses will train certain designated school personnel, as selected by the nurse with input from the principals, to administer auto injector epinephrine, if available, to a student who shows medical indications of anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the student has been previously identified as having anaphylaxis or has a prescription for epinephrine. Follow-up including a written report of the administration of epinephrine will be completed by the school nurse and forwarded to the nurse manager who will then submit it to the state.
- E. All school staff will receive required training annually in recognizing symptoms of anaphylaxis.
- F. Parents of students with a diagnosis of anaphylaxis and a prescription for epinephrine will still be responsible for providing the school annually with a written physician's order and emergency medication(s) as prescribed.