

School District No. 22 (Vernon)

POLICY

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Students with Medical Needs

The Board of Trustees for School District No. 22 (Vernon) is committed to providing as safe a learning and teaching environment as possible for all students. Given that commitment School District No. 22 (Vernon) will take whatever measures are reasonably available to deal with medical emergencies which may arise at school and will design emergency plans for specific students where their life-threatening conditions are identified by parents or guardians.

School district employees are authorized to take such measures to care for students in their charge as a reasonable and careful parent would take in the circumstances. Such measures may include seeking medical attention for students in emergency situations. However, employees do not have the authority of a parent to consent to medical treatment for students. Consent for medical treatment can be waived in an emergency or can be granted by the student (with explanation and advice from the health care provider as set out in the Infants Act) or the parent or guardian.

School District employees rendering emergency services in the performance or intended performance of duties or voluntary services, or exercise of powers, shall have the legal protection available to them through the School Act (and/or in some cases, the Good Samaritan Act) as well as coverage under the Schools Protection Insurance Program (subject to the program terms and conditions).

This policy is intended to address the needs of students with anaphylaxis conditions. This policy does not ban any particular product. In respect to students with anaphylaxis the Board of Trustees for School District No 22 believe:

- information and awareness including promoting an understanding of student needs to the wider community is necessary,
- schools must take reasonable precautions to minimize risks for anaphylactic students, and
- guidelines which allow staff to respond to individual needs and emergency treatment must exist.

Procedures to handle medical situations are set out in the regulations to this policy. Specific guidelines and checklists to deal with anaphylaxis are found in the BC School Trustees Association website at www.bcsta.org/anaphylaxis.

The School Board will not supervise the administration of prescribed medication to students unless the parent or guardian expressly authorizes the administration of medication at school, the parent or guardian provides explicit written instruction regarding the manner in which the medication is to be administered, and there are staff available to undertake this task. School personnel may refuse to supervise the taking of regularly prescribed medication by the student if parents or guardians do not give proper instructions. Staff will respond with medication in emergency situations. Where staff have any questions or concerns regarding the administration of medication, they shall consult with the Public Health Nurse.

References:

Legal Reference

Cross Reference