

ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION

The Mead School District Board of Directors expects school administrators, teachers and support staff to be informed and aware of life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and how to deal with the resulting medical emergencies. For students, some common life threatening allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, fish, bee or other insect stings, latex and some medications. Affected students require planned care and support during the school day and during school-sponsored activities.

Parents/guardians are responsible for informing the school about their student's potential risk for anaphylaxis, and for ensuring the provision of ongoing health information and necessary medical supplies. The district will take reasonable measures to avoid allergens for affected students. The district will also train all staff in the awareness of anaphylaxis and prepare them to respond to emergencies. Additionally, student specific training will be provided for appropriate personnel.

Even with the district's best efforts, staff and parents/guardians need to be aware that it is not possible to achieve a completely allergen-free environment. However, the district will take precautions to reduce the risk of a student having an anaphylactic reaction by developing strategies to minimize the presence of allergens in schools.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. 280, Section 399
Chapter 462, Laws of 2005
RCW 28A.210.370

Public Health Service Act
Relating to the prevention, diagnosis,
and treatment of asthma.
Students with Asthma

Adopted: August 24, 2009