

# Houston County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Emergency Allergy Response Plan</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.412</b>	Issued Date: <b>05/14/18</b>
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The director of schools shall develop and maintain an Emergency Allergy Response Plan that meets state guidelines for managing students with life-threatening allergies. The Plan shall include measures to reduce exposure to allergens and procedures to treat allergic reactions. Components of the plan shall include, but are not limited to; education and training of personnel, record keeping/documentation, development and reviews of the allergy action plan, and protocols for classrooms and cafeterias that include strategies to reduce exposure to allergens.<sup>1</sup>

Using the state food allergy guidelines plan as a guide, the director shall also develop a process to identify all students with food allergies and develop and implement an Individualized Health Care Plan (IHCP) with an Allergy Action Plan for each specific student.<sup>2</sup>

## **EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS**

The Houston County Board of Education believes schools should be prepared to treat allergic reactions in the event a student's personal epinephrine auto-injector is not available or the student is having a reaction for the first time.

Each school shall maintain epinephrine auto-injectors in at least two (2) unlocked, secure locations including, but not limited to, the school office and the school cafeteria, so they may be administered to any student believed to be having a life-threatening allergic or anaphylactic reaction.

In the event of such a reaction, the school nurse or other trained school personnel may utilize these epinephrine auto-injectors to respond, under a standing protocol from a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches.

The director of schools or his/her designee is authorized to seek the auto-injectors through a prescription written to Houston County Schools. Upon the issuance of the auto-injectors, the director of schools shall ensure that they are placed within each school and that any needed trainings are conducted for staff.

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### Legal References:

1. TCA 49-50-1602(f)
2. *Guidelines for Use of Health Care Professionals and Health Care Procedures in a School Setting, including Guidelines for Managing Life Threatening Food Allergies in Tennessee Schools* (Tennessee Department of Education and Tennessee Department of Health, 2014).

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### Cross Reference:

Medicines 6.405