

1 **3418 STUDENTS**

2 Life Threatening Allergies/Medical Conditions

3 The Board recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe environment for students with life threatening  
4 allergies and/or medical conditions. This policy requires the disclosure of all life threatening allergies  
5 and/or medical conditions by the parent or guardian upon enrollment of each student. The medical  
6 information is to be updated on an annual basis with the school by the parent/guardian or when medical  
7 conditions are diagnosed by a healthcare provider. This information is critical for school staff and could  
8 avert the potential death of a student. The Great Falls Public Schools will establish guidelines for  
9 management of students with life threatening allergies and/or life threatening medical conditions.

10 Therefore, it is mandated that an Individual Health Care Plan will be developed to accommodate the  
11 students' needs. The Individual Health Care Plan will be established with the Parent/guardian, student  
12 (age appropriate), school administrator or designee, school nurse, medical physician and/or healthcare  
13 provider, and school food services. The Individual Health Care Plan will accommodate the child's needs  
14 throughout the school day, including in the classroom, in the cafeteria, in after-school programs, during  
15 school-sponsored activities, and on the school bus. The Individual Health Care Plan will be developed in  
16 accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

17 To support the Individual Health Care Plan, a core team of, but not limited to, school nurse, teacher(s),  
18 school administrator or designee, parent/guardian, student (age appropriate), medical physician or  
19 healthcare provider and other staff members as deemed necessary, will work together to support the  
20 prevention of a medical situation and respond to any emergency that may arise with the student. This  
21 team will receive the necessary training and will assure that all staff who interact with the student on a  
22 regular basis understands the student's needs and can recognize symptoms, knows what to do in an  
23 emergency, and works with other school staff to eliminate the potential allergens.

24 An Emergency Care Plan may also be developed. It may be an excerpt of the Individual Health Care Plan  
25 or in some cases it can be a stand-alone plan. In either case, the Emergency Care Plan will be disseminated  
26 on a need-to-know basis in order to protect the student in an emergency situation.

27 Cross Reference:

28 Board Policy 3416 Administering Medication

29 Board Policy 3416F Montana Authorization to possess or Self-Administer Asthma, Severe Allergy, or  
30 Anaphylaxis Medication

31 Board Policy 8302 Indoor Air Quality

32 Board Policy 8450 Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

33 Legal Reference:

34 § 20-5-420, MCA Self-administration or possession of asthma, severe allergy, or anaphylaxis medication

35 § 27-1-714, MCA Limits on liability for emergency care rendered at scene of accident or emergency

36 § 20 USC 1232 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

37 Policy History:

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