



The Pike School  
Andover, Massachusetts

**Emergency Policy for Administration of Epinephrine in a Suspected Life Threatening Allergic Reaction**

The Pike School has adopted the following policy for the limited purpose of permitting school personnel to administer epinephrine (by auto-injector) to students diagnosed with a potential life threatening allergic condition, when the school nurse is not immediately available.

The school nurse, in accordance with standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, trains unlicensed school personnel and authorizes them to administer epinephrine.

The school nurse provides a training review and informational update for unlicensed personnel at least once a year.

The Good Samaritan Law protects personnel in the administration of an Epi-Pen from Liability.

Epinephrine is administered only in accordance with a written medication administration plan. It shall include:

- A diagnosis by a physician that the student is at high risk of a life threatening allergic reaction, and a medication order containing indications for administration of epinephrine.
- An ALLERGY ACTION PLAN for each student diagnosed with allergies that are at risk for possible anaphylaxis. This plan must be signed by the physician and parent/guardian. A new signed and dated Allergy Action Plan must be submitted at the beginning of each school year.
- Home and emergency phone numbers for the parents/guardian as well as the names(s) and phone number(s) of any other person(s) to be notified if the parents are unavailable.
- If both doctor and parent sign permission for the student to carry Epi-Pen on his/her person, then the student may carry the Epi-Pen. However, he/she must demonstrate to the school nurse competency in administration and adequate knowledge of disease condition.

- Two Epi-Pens are to always be on hand at school-one in the classroom, with a backup in the nurse's office. If the student is playing interscholastic sports, an extra Epi-Pen should be kept with the coach.
- Conference is held with parents, teacher, nurse, coach, etc., to discuss the student's individual situation and to set up a plan of action to meet his/her needs in the school setting. Each year the situation is reviewed and adjustments made as needed.
- Posting of foods and insects to which the student is allergic is done in the nurse's office, classroom, and any other appropriate sites.
- When epinephrine is administered, there shall be immediate notification of the local emergency services system (911), followed by notification of the school nurse, student's parents or if the parents are not available, any other designated person(s).
- Student will be transported to nearest emergency facility by emergency services personnel for evaluation and stabilization prior to being allowed back in the school setting. Written confirmation of this is to be given to the school nurse.