

## Anaphylaxis Prevention

The Cosmopolis Board of Directors expects all 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.

The superintendent will establish procedures to support this policy.

Cross: References: Board Policy 3419

Self-Administration of Asthma and  
Anaphylaxis Medications

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.380

Anaphylaxis – Policy Guidelines –  
Procedures – Reports

Management Resources:

*Policy News*, February 2009

Anaphylaxis Prevention Policy Required