Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response

Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening allergic reaction that may involve systems of the entire body. Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical treatment and follow-up care by an allergist/immunologist.

ESD employees working with students in direct service programs operated in ESD facilities with known anaphylaxis will be informed and aware of life threatening allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and how to respond to 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 attending ESD direct service programs in ESD facilities require planned care and support during program hours and program sponsored activities.

Parents/guardians are responsible for informing the ESD about their child's potential risk for anaphylaxis and for ensuring the provision of ongoing health information and necessary medical supplies. The ESD will take reasonable measures to avoid allergens for affected students. Training specific to the student with anaphylaxis, and training regarding the awareness of anaphylaxis, will be provided to appropriate employees.

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

Legal References:	*WAC 392-380 Public School Pupils – Immunization Requirement and Life-Threatening Health Condition* *RCW 28A.210.380 Anaphylaxis — Policy guidelines — Procedures — Reports.*
Cross References:	*3419 - Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications* *3418 - Response to Student Injury or Illness* *3416 - Medication at School*
Management Resources:	*2018 - August 2018 - August Policy Issue* *2013 - December Issue* *2012 - August Issue* *2009 - February Issue* *OSPI, March 2009 Guidelines for the Care of Students with Anaphylaxis*

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