



## **POLICY 500 – ANAPHYLAXIS**

Anaphylaxis is a sudden and severe allergic reaction, which can be fatal, requiring immediate medical emergency measures be taken.

The Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) recognizes that it has a duty of care to students who are at risk from life-threatening allergic reactions while under school supervision. The Board also recognizes that this responsibility is shared among the student, parents, the school system and health care providers.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure procedures are in place to minimize the risk to students with severe allergies to potentially life-threatening allergens without depriving the severely allergic student of normal peer interactions or placing unreasonable restrictions on the activities of other students in the school.

While the Board of Education cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Board will take reasonable steps to provide an allergy-safe and allergy-aware environment for students with life-threatening allergies.

All District schools must implement the steps outlined in administrative procedures on anaphylaxis, which include:

- a) a process for identifying anaphylactic students;
- b) a process for keeping a record with information relating to the specific allergies for each identified anaphylactic student;
- c) a process for establishing an emergency procedure plan, to be reviewed annually, for each identified anaphylactic student;
- d) procedures for encouraging students and their parents to consider the use of medical identifying information (e.g., MedicAlert®);
- e) procedures for storage and administration of medications; and,
- f) procedures for annual training for school staff in the recognition of severe allergic reactions and the use of single dose, single-use auto injectors, and standard emergency plans.