



Policy Manual - Students - Miscellaneous

S.M.11 Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis Awareness)

The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the mode

POLICY STATEMENT

Anaphylaxis is a severe, allergic reaction which generally affects multiple body systems and may lead to death if untreated.

Although different substances have the potential to cause Anaphylaxis, the most common triggers are foods and insect stings. In Canada, the most common food allergies that cause Anaphylaxis are corn, dairy, eggs, peanuts, seafood including fish and shellfish (crustaceans and molluscs), sesame, soy, tree nuts (almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, walnuts) and wheat.

In accordance with Sabrina's Law: An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils - 2005, it is the policy of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board that each school within the Board's jurisdiction shall have an Allergy/Anaphylaxis Management Plan and each student who has been identified as being at risk of having an anaphylactic reaction shall have an Individual Allergy/Anaphylaxis Plan of Care.

While schools cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Hamilton- Wentworth Catholic District School Board shall make every reasonable effort to:

- reduce the risk of exposure to Anaphylaxis causative agents in classrooms and common school areas;
- ensure that school board personnel are aware of which students within the school population have been identified as being at risk of Anaphylaxis; and,
- outline the procedures necessary to intervene effectively in the event of an anaphylactic emergency.

In addressing the needs of students who are at risk of having an anaphylactic reaction, the Board has two primary objectives:

- to support students, to fully access school in a safe, accepting and healthy learning environment which enhances their mental, physical and spiritual well-being; and,
- to empower students, as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition, according to their Individual Allergy/Anaphylaxis Plan of Care.

Responsibility:

School Principals and Superintendent of Student Well-Being

Regulations

- Education Act
 - Section 264 - Duties of Teacher
 - Section 265 - Duties of Principal
- Regulation 298 - Operation of Schools - General
 - Section 11 - Duties of Principals
 - Section 20 - Duties of Teachers
- Regulation Made Under the Teaching Profession Act Section 14 (f)
- Good Samaritan Act, 2001
- Sabrina's Law - An Act to Protect Anaphylactic Pupils, 2005
- Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum No.161 - Supporting Children and Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy) in Schools, September 2018

Related Policies

S.M. 12 Asthma

S.M.18 Diabetes

S.M. 19 Epilepsy

S.M.20 Administration of Prescribed Medication

Related Board Committee: Committee of the Whole

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