

ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION

The Mount Vernon School District's board of directors expects school administrators, teachers and support 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 insects, latex, and some medications. Affected students require planned care and support during the school day.

The parent/guardian is responsible to inform the school about their student's potential risk for anaphylaxis and for ensuring the provision of ongoing health information and necessary medical supplies. If the student participates in activities outside regular school hours, the parent/guardian is responsible to inform the supervising staff of the student's health condition, including allergen, symptoms and treatment. 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 effort, 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/designee will establish procedures to support this policy.

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.380

Policy guidelines – Procedures –
Reports