

<h1>SEVEN GENERATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL</h1>	SECTION: STUDENTS
	TITLE: 210.2 – EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTORS
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Policy	<p>The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of Seven Generations Charter School (“Seven Generations”) recognizes that a number of students with allergy(s) experience severe allergic reactions to various substances which require the use of an epinephrine auto-injector to be administered during school hours in order to maintain student health and in the school setting.</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board of Trustees of Seven Generations Charter School authorizes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his/her designee, in conjunction with the school nurse(s), to enforce this policy and to develop procedures for student possession of epinephrine injectors and self-administration of prescribed medication.</p>
Guidelines	<p><b>Definition:</b></p> <p><u>Anaphylaxis</u> is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction caused by contact with certain foods, medications, insect venom or latex. Anaphylaxis can also be caused by physical exercise.</p> <p><u>Epinephrine</u> is the definitive emergency treatment for severe allergic reactions. This medication reverses the allergic reaction, at least temporarily, to provide the life-saving time needed to get further treatment in a medical facility.</p> <p>This policy shall apply only to the use of an epinephrine auto-injector necessary to maintain a student in school and which can be self-administered by the student with necessary documentation provided to the school nurse by student’s healthcare provider and parent(s)/guardian(s) permitting such self-administration.</p> <p><b>Guidelines:</b></p> <p>A student with medically certified severe and possibly life-threatening allergic reaction(s) and of school age may possess an epinephrine auto-injector on their persons, including bookbags and handbags, to perform treatment for an allergic reaction.</p> <p>A student shall be permitted to use an epinephrine auto-injector in the classroom, in any area of the school or school grounds and at any school-related activity if requested by the parent or guardian.</p> <p>For the possession and use of an epinephrine auto-injector, a student must demonstrate the capability for self-administration and responsible behavior. The</p>

student must verify with the School Nurse his/her ability to administer the medication and that he/she has permission to do so. The student is restricted from making the epinephrine auto-injector available to other students. Permission to self-administer must be in the form of a written statement by a physician/certified healthcare provider indicating:

- The name of the student;
- The name of the medication;
- The dose, the timing of the dose;
- The diagnosis/reason the medication is required unless the reason should remain confidential; and
- Potential of a serious reaction that may occur in response to the medication. In addition,

Seven Generations requires this written request from the student's parent/guardian shall contain statements that:

- Seven Generations comply with the orders of the physician/certified healthcare provider;
- Seven Generations is relieved of any responsibility for the benefits or consequences of the prescribed medication when parent-authorized;
- Seven Generations bears no responsibility for ensuring that the medication is taken;
- Seven Generations may release information to the student's healthcare provider or emergency care provider and to all Seven Generations staff who have custodial care of the student and may need the information to maintain the student's health. Such Seven Generations staff include the school nurse, student's teachers, lunchroom staff, bus driver and any staff at school sponsored activities or field trips.

Seven Generations reserves the right to require the physician/certified healthcare provider to provide a statement justifying the continued use of the epinephrine auto-injector beyond a certain time period and may require updated prescriptions and parental approvals on an annual basis.

As part of a student's responsible behavior, the student is to notify the school nurse immediately following each use of medication or equipment for the student's allergy condition.

The student is restricted from making medication or any medical equipment available to other students. The student's privilege to self-administer medication or equipment may be revoked or restricted if the student abuses or ignores school policies.

### **School Access to Emergency Epinephrine**

1. The school may authorize the CSN (certified school nurse) or a trained school employee to:
  - a. Provide an epinephrine auto-injector that meets the prescription on file for either the individual student or the school to a student who is authorized to self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector;

References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Administer to a student an epinephrine auto-injector that meets the prescription on file for either the individual student or the school;</li> <li>c. Administer an epinephrine auto-injector that meets the prescription on file for the school to a student that the employee in good faith believes to be having an anaphylactic reaction.</li> </ul> <p>2. A physician or CRNP may prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of the school.</p> <p>3. A school may maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors.  If the school maintains a supply they shall designate one or more individuals to be responsible for the storage and use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Individuals responsible for the storage and use must successfully complete a training approved by the Department of Health.</li> <li>b. The law does not differentiate between licensed and unlicensed school staff. Therefore, all school staff designated to administer an epinephrine auto-injector must successfully complete a Department of Health approved training.</li> </ul> <p>4. The Good Samaritan Law shall apply to a person who administers an epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to this section.</p> <p>To become authorized to administer an epinephrine auto-injector, regardless of whether it's a student's individual prescription or from the school's stock, any school staff must be trained using a Department of Health approved course.</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1401, 1409, 1414.1  State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3, 12.41</p>
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