

ALLERGY POLICY

The Gorham School Committee is committed to providing a safe environment for students who have an allergy history. In the event of an allergic reaction, the student's individual physician orders will be followed. In the absence of individual student orders, the anaphylaxis procedure in the Health Policy and Procedure manual will be followed.

The decision to carry and self administer epinephrine and inhalers should be made jointly by the student's physician, family, the student and school nurse.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities to Provide:

- Physician documentation of the allergy
- Signed medication permission forms or allergy plan to administer medication
- Epi-pens or other allergy medications
- Information about student's allergy
- Emergency contact information
- Physician contact information

School Responsibilities:

- All staff will be trained annually in the care of students with allergies.
- An Epi-pen will be readily available in the office and cafeteria of every school building.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to avoid student exposures to allergens. With this in mind, latex balloons will not be allowed in any school buildings and allergy safe eating areas will be provided in every school. The district will continue to review measures that will improve the safety and well-being of students.

Cross Reference: JLCD – Student Medication

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