

## **Auto-Injector School Policy**

At the beginning of each school year, parents of students with anaphylaxis must provide the nurse with an epi-pen auto-injector, signed parental permission to administer medication, and a doctor order. Students determined by the doctor and parents to be old enough to self-administer may carry the epi-pen during the day to class, to the playing fields, and on class trips. If the student agrees to carry the epi-pen, he/she is responsible to make sure they have it with them at all times. If the student is too young to self-administer, the epi-pen will be stationed close to the student in an unlocked prearranged labeled location.

NJ law recognizes and permits the administration of epi-pen auto-injector as a delegable task when the nurse is not available. It is the student and parent's responsibility to notify the school nurse what field trips and after-school activities the student will be participating in, so that an appropriate delegate may be assigned. Delegates will be assigned for each child, and will be trained per guidelines established by the Department of Health and Senior Services. The delegate may not assign this task to someone else. There may be more than one delegate per child. The parents must sign permission for administration by a delegate.

It is imperative that following the administration of epinephrine, the student be transported by emergency services to the nearest hospital emergency department for further follow-up and observation even if the symptoms appear to have resolved.