



SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

(Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder and/or Other)

Responsibility: *Associate Director*

Legal References: [PPM \(Policy / Program Memorandum\)161](#)
[Sabrina's Law, 2005](#)
[Ryan's Law, 2015](#)
[Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(MFIPPA\)](#)
[Personal Health Information Protection Act \(PHIPA\)](#)
[Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014](#)

Related References: [Board Policy 1008 Equity and Inclusion](#)
[AP 1460 Administration of Medication](#)
[AP 1470 Anaphylaxis Management Plan](#)
[AP 1530 Diabetes Management](#)
[AP 1467 Asthma Management Plan](#)
[AP 1463 Epilepsy and Seizure Disorder Management Plan](#)

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1. Preamble

- 1.1 In accordance with PPM 161 and to promote the safety and well-being of students and as required by Sabrina's Law and Ryan's Law, it is the policy of the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB) to establish and maintain Administrative Procedures for students with anaphylactic/severe allergic reactions and for students diagnosed with asthma.
- 1.2 In accordance with PPM 161 and to promote the safety and well-being of students, it is the policy of the WRDSB to establish and maintain Administrative Procedures for students diagnosed with Diabetes, Epilepsy and Seizure Disorder and/or any other Prevalent Medical Conditions.
- 1.3 In accordance with Ontario Regulation 137/15 Child Care and Early Years Act, every licensee (board-operated Before & After School programs) has developed a policy for supporting students with prevalent medical conditions.

2. Responsibilities of the Principal

The Principal will:

- 2.1 Implement plans that reduce the risk of exposure to Anaphylactic/Asthmatic Causative agents in classrooms (including board-operated Before & After school programs) and common school areas that may directly trigger a reaction for the student.
- 2.2 Ensure WRDSB staff are aware of how to respond when dealing with Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy & Seizure Disorder and/or Other) and provide specific training. This includes WRDSB staff working in Before & After school programs where applicable.
- 2.3 Share a communication plan for the dissemination of information on Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy & Seizures Disorder, and/or Other) to families/caregivers, students and employees.
- 2.4 Develop an individual Plan of Care for each student who has a Prevalent Medical Condition.
- 2.5 Ensure that, upon registration, families/caregivers, and students shall be asked to supply information on Prevalent Medical Conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy & Seizures Disorder, and/or Other).
- 2.6 Maintain a file for each student with a Prevalent Medical Condition of current treatment and other information, including a copy of any prescriptions and instructions from the student's physician or nurse and a current emergency contact list.