

**SEVERE ALLERGIES**

**Background**

The best interests of all students are served when students attend school regularly and punctually. STEM Innovation Academy acknowledges it has a responsibility to make reasonable efforts to ensure that its students attend school and believes it shares this responsibility with parents and students.

**Procedures**

1. The Board shall ensure that:
  - 1.1. Procedures are developed for identifying individuals at risk of severe allergic reactions.
  - 1.2. Information on severe allergic reactions is provided to students, parents, staff and other members of the school community.
  - 1.3. Information about specific individuals at risk of severe allergic reactions is provided to staff and others who work closely with the individual.
  - 1.4. Emergency response plans are developed for each individual identified at risk of severe allergic reactions. The plan will be developed in cooperation with parents, students, the student's physician and other staff who work closely with the individual.
  - 1.5. All staff and others who work closely with the individual at risk of severe allergic reactions receive annual training in the recognition of severe allergic reactions, the use of injectors and the specific emergency response plan.

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