

DeKalb County School District - Student Health Services
Emergency/Unassigned Epinephrine / Albuterol/Levalbuterol Policy

DeKalb County School District, pursuant to Georgia law, allows schools to stock and administer unassigned Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Albuterol/Levalbuterol, if available, to a student or staff upon the occurrence of an actual or perceived anaphylactic adverse reaction (for Epinephrine) or upon the occurrence of an actual or perceived respiratory distress/asthma emergency (for Albuterol/Levalbuterol), whether or not the student has a prescription for the respective medication. O.C.G.A. 20-2-776.1 (b) and 20.2.776.4 (b). The administration of these medications will be based on DCSD Student Health Services standing orders/protocols approved by a licensed medical physician.

Student Health Services (SHS) will be responsible for the development of guidelines for stocking and administration of these medications, in addition to the development and implementation of training guidelines for school staff.

Procurement of Medication:

SHS will work with various vendors, organizations and with the district (contributors) to ensure these medications (Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Albuterol/Levalbuterol) are obtained from approved manufacturers and are within their expiration dates prior to distribution to the schools. If these medications are used, SHS will coordinate with the various contributors to obtain replacement medication, as available.

*See prescription request form.

Storage of Medication:

Unassigned Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Albuterol/Levalbuterol will be stored in clearly marked, secured locations/cabinets within each school. They will be unlocked during the normal hours of school operations and will be locked at all other times. These medications will be kept at room temperature. Weekly checks by the school health personnel or school designee will be documented to ensure the medications are within their expiration date and are ready for use.

Guidelines for Administration:

Refer to attached Guidelines for Emergency/Unassigned Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Albuterol/Levalbuterol.

Training of School Staff:

School staff designated by the district and Student Health Services administer these emergency medications and will be trained through Student Health Services. This training will occur annually and will include:

- General principles of safe medication administration, including the “6 Rights” of medication administration and reporting medication errors
- Procedural aspects of administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and/or Albuterol/Levalbuterol using nebulizers and/or metered dose inhalers, including safe handling/storage of medication and documentation
- Procedures for follow-up after the use of unassigned medication and complete SHS Emergency Report Form and Emergency/Unassigned Medication Reporting Form
- Potential side effects of these medications
- Signs and symptoms of allergic reactions and anaphylaxis
- Signs and symptoms of asthma emergencies/respiratory distress
- DCSD/SHS Guidelines for the Administration of Unassigned Epinephrine Auto-Injectors and Albuterol/Levalbuterol
- Post incident debriefing.
- CPR/AED certification requirements

DeKalb County School District – Student Health Services Emergency/Unassigned Naloxone Policy

DeKalb County Schools, pursuant to Georgia law, allows schools to stock and administer unassigned Naloxone, if available, to a student or staff upon the occurrence of an actual or perceived opioid overdose O.C.G.A. 31-1-10(b)(2). The administration of this medication will be based on Student Health Services' protocols.

Student Health Services will be responsible for the development of guidelines for stocking and administration of this medication, in addition to the development and implementation of training guidelines for school staff.

Procurement of Medication:

SHS will work with various vendors, organizations and with the district (contributors) to ensure this medication (Naloxone) is obtained from approved manufacturers and is within the expiration date prior to distribution to the schools. If the medication is used, SHS will coordinate with the various contributors to obtain replacement medication, as available.

Storage of Medication:

Emergency/Unassigned Naloxone will be stored in clearly marked secured locations/storage containers within each school. It will be unlocked during normal school operations and locked at all other times. This medication will be kept at room temperature. Weekly checks by the school nurse or school designee will be documented to ensure the medication is within the expiration date and ready for use.

Guidelines for Administration:

Refer to the Guidelines for Emergency/Unassigned Naloxone

Training of School Staff:

School staff designated by the district, Student Health Services, and principals to administer these emergency medications will be trained through Student Health Services. This training will occur annually and will include:

- General principles of safe medication administration, including the “6 Rights” of medication administration and reporting medication errors
- Procedural aspects of the administration of naloxone, including safe handling/storage of medication and documentation
- Procedures for follow-up after use of emergency/unassigned medication and complete SHS Emergency Report Form and Emergency/Unassigned Medication Reporting Form
- Potential side effects of this medication

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- Signs and symptoms of opioid overdose
- DCSD/Student Health Services guidelines for the Administration of Emergency/Unassigned Naloxone
- Post-incident debriefing
- CPR/AED certification requirements