

EASTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: USE OF STANDING ORDER
EMERGENCY-EPINEPHRINE
AND NALOXONE IN SCHOOLS

ADOPTED: MAY 24, 2016

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>SC 24 P.S. 14-1414.2</p> <p>3. Definitions</p> <p>4. Requirements</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">210.1 USE OF STANDING-ORDER EMERGENCY-EPINEPHRINE AND NALOXONE IN SCHOOLS</p> <p>The Board recognizes the importance of ensuring that its staff and faculty are prepared in the event of a health-related emergency. To that end, this Policy approves the use of standing orders for emergency epinephrine and naloxone in all school buildings.</p> <p>The District physician may write standing orders for emergency epinephrine and naloxone use in the schools.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for creating administrative procedures governing the procurement, storage and administration of standing-order emergency epinephrine and naloxone as well as training requirements for those responsible for administering such medications.</p> <p>This Policy shall apply only to standing-order medications and shall not apply to the administration of medication that is specifically prescribed to individual students.</p> <p>Emergency Epinephrine – an emergency medication used to treat anaphylaxis in cases of severe life-threatening allergic reactions; commonly known by the brand name EpiPen.</p> <p>Naloxone – an emergency medication used to block the effects of opioids, including heroine, in the event of an overdose; commonly known by the brand name Narcan.</p> <p>Storage</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall, in the administrative procedures, designate specific locations in which such medications shall be stored and shall delineate who may have access to them. Only those specifically designated to administer a medication, pursuant to this Policy and its implementing regulations, may be responsible for its storage and access.</p>
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	<p>Administration</p> <p>A valid standing order issued by the District’s physician is required for any administration of the District’s supply of emergency epinephrine or naloxone. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which school employees may administer standing-order medications, which may differ for each specific medication. Such employees must have been properly trained in the administration of each medication that they are authorized to administer, pursuant to the requirements, below. All individuals authorized to administer one or both of these medications shall be provided with a copy of this Policy as well as the District’s administrative procedures implementing this Policy.</p> <p>In any case where administration of an emergency medication is required, the individual administering the medication shall be responsible for contacting 911 as soon as possible to ensure that the student to whom the medication was administered receives prompt emergency medical attention. Students to whom either medication was administered shall be sent to the local emergency room for evaluation and any necessary further treatment.</p>
5. Training	<p>Training</p> <p>No faculty or staff member may administer doses of the District’s emergency epinephrine or naloxone, obtained through standing order, unless the faculty or staff member has been approved for such administration and has taken the necessary training course(s).</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall identify and require a training program for the administration of each medication. Such training program shall meet any necessary legal requirements. The Superintendent or designee shall also require re-training at specific intervals, as appropriate.</p> <p>The training program may include online or written information from the PA Department of Health or other qualified entity, but it must also include training on District-specific protocols.</p>
6. Specifically- Prescribed Emergency Epinephrine	<p>The purpose of standing-order emergency epinephrine is to enable to the District to respond to emergency situations for students who may not have a history of anaphylaxis and/or specifically prescribed emergency epinephrine. Students for whom emergency-epinephrine has been specifically prescribed by such student’s personal physician shall continue to be required to have their specifically-prescribed epinephrine on hand for use in a medical emergency. While the District shall not be prohibited from using standing-order epinephrine for a child with specifically-prescribed epinephrine, due to the large numbers of students for whom emergency</p>

epinephrine is already prescribed, the District cannot ensure that standing-order epinephrine will be available for such students in the case of an emergency, and use of standing-order epinephrine on a student who should, pursuant to his/her personal physician's orders, already have emergency epinephrine on hand, may prevent the District from being able to use this life-saving drug on a student for whom the medication was not prescribed and does not currently have access. Thus, parents of students who have specifically—prescribed emergency epinephrine shall continue to be required to provide such medication for their students.

Standing-Order Emergency Epinephrine Opt-Out

Parents who do not wish to have standing-order emergency epinephrine administered to their children in a life-threatening emergency may opt out by notifying the Assistant to the Superintendent in writing. Such parents will be required to complete and return a specific opt-out form.