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| **Germantown Municipal School District** | | | |
| Monitoring:  **Review: Annually, in October** | Descriptor Term:  **Life-Threatening Allergy Management** | Descriptor Code:  **6.425** | Issued Date:  **07/11/16** |
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Germantown Municipal School District shall have an allergy program to promote the safety and well being of students with life-threatening allergies. While it is the Board’s primary goal to provide a safe environment for all students, it is unrealistic to guarantee an allergen-free school environment. It is therefore the intent of the Board to ensure that safeguards are implemented for students with allergies determined to be life-threatening by a medical professional.1

To effectively respond to student allergy risks, parents/guardians of students diagnosed with life threatening allergy should promptly notify the school upon diagnosis of the allergy. An IHP tailored to the needs of each individual child at risk for anaphylaxis, with accommodations for allergy management will be developed following the “Guidelines for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Tennessee schools”. The District shall provide training for school-based staff in the appropriate administration of epinephrine.

According to TCA § 49-50-1062(e) students may carry EpiPens if prescribed to them with permission from the parent. Schools are authorized to keep extra EpiPens for treating allergic reactions in student or staff when physicians write prescriptions in the name of the schools.

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| Legal References | Cross References |
| 1. TCA 49-50-1602(f); *Guidelines for Use of Health Care Professionals and Health Care Procedures in a School Setting, including Guidelines for Managing Life Threatening Food Allergies in Tennessee Schools* (Tennessee Department of Education and Tennessee Department of Health) (2014). | Medicines 6.405 |