



# Policy: Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions (anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy) in Schools

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## 1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The Superior North Catholic District School Board believes that it is a shared responsibility to maintain a safe environment for every student. Supporting students with prevalent medical conditions is one aspect of keeping our students' well-being a priority.
- 1.2 The school board policy statement on supporting students with prevalent medical conditions includes the following goals:
  - 1.2.1 To support students with prevalent medical conditions to fully access school in a safe, accepting, and healthy learning environment that supports their well-being.
  - 1.2.3 To empower students, as confident and capable learners, to reach their full potential for self-management of their medical condition(s), according to

their Plan of Care.

- 1.3.4 To support parents in feeling confident that their child is safe at school and during school related activities.
- 1.4.5 To create a collaborative approach with the student, parents, principal, school staff and health care professionals, to ensure a full understanding of the prevalent medical conditions, supports, clarity of roles and communication associated with the student's Plan of Care.
- 1.5.5 To ensure the appropriate staff are familiar with the prevalent medical conditions as outlined in the Plan of Care and are trained and confident in prevention strategies to minimize risks, recognize the symptoms of a medical emergency and know the steps to follow in dealing with a medical emergency.

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