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**Rationale:** *The intent of this policy is to provide a safe environment for children with life-threatening allergies in the schools. While it is recognized that it is not possible to reduce the risk to zero, it is the intent of this policy to minimize the risk and to allow the anaphylactic child to attend school with relative confidence.*

**Policy:**

Identification of Anaphylactic Students to School Authorities is the responsibility of parents of children with Anaphylaxis or any life-threatening medical condition upon registration of the child or upon medical diagnosis of the medical problem. The district will follow guidelines and emergency procedures as outlined in Procedure #535.

1. *Anaphylaxis refers to a collection of severe allergies affecting multiple systems in the body. The most dangerous symptoms include breathing difficulties and a drop in blood pressure or shock, all of which are potentially fatal.*
2. *Common examples of potentially life-threatening allergies are to foods, animals, plants, insect stings, or a wide range of other substances, including scented products, cleaners, chemicals, and other materials affecting air quality.*