

Epinephrine Legislation

There has been a recent change in legislation for the administration of epinephrine during *regular school hours*. [Public Act 14-176](#) is designed to protect all students with a *potential life-threatening allergy*. The purpose is to provide *emergency first aid to a student who experiences an allergic reaction even if the student has never been diagnosed with a life threatening allergy and/or does not have a prior written authorization for the administration of epinephrine*. This Act allows trained staff, *in the absence of the school nurse during regular school hours*, to deliver an Epi-Pen to a student who presents with signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction during regular school hours. *Under the revised law, a student's parent or guardian may opt out of having this trained employee administer the Epi-Pen to his/her child as permitted by statute. Please contact your school nurse for further information.*