Most Blessed Sacrament Parish School is committed to maintaining a safe environment for students with severe, life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis). This policy outlines requirements for student-specific epinephrine, school-stocked epinephrine, administration procedures, and staff training.

1. Student-Specific Epinephrine & Self-Carry

- **Emergency Action Plan:** Parents/guardians must provide an updated **Medication/ Emergency Action Plan** signed by a licensed healthcare provider and a parent/guardian at the start of each school year.
- **Medication Provision:** Parents/guardians must supply unexpired prescribed epinephrine auto-injectors/nasal sprays in their original labeled packaging.
- **Self-Carry Authorization:** Students are permitted to self-carry and self-administer their epinephrine if authorized in writing by both their healthcare provider and parent/guardian, and deemed capable by the school nurse. A backup device must also be stored in the health office.

2. Stock (Undesignated) Epinephrine

- **Supply:** The school maintains a supply of undesignated (stock) epinephrine auto-injectors to be used for unexpected anaphylactic emergencies.
- **Usage:** Stock epinephrine may be administered to any individual (student, staff, or visitor) experiencing signs of severe anaphylaxis, including individuals with no prior history of diagnosed allergies.

3. Storage & Accessibility

- Epinephrine devices are stored in secure, unlocked, and clearly marked locations (Nurse's Office in the Main Office) to ensure immediate access during an emergency. Devices are never locked away.

4. Administration & Emergency Protocol

- **Trained Personnel:** Designated school staff members undergo annual training to recognize signs of anaphylaxis and properly administer epinephrine.
- **Emergency Response (911): Calling 911/EMS is mandatory** immediately following any administration of epinephrine, regardless of whether symptoms appear to improve.
- **Parent Notification:** Parents/guardians will be notified as soon as emergency medical services (EMS) have been dispatched.