

**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Important Allergy Information**

August 2019

Dear Parents:

Effective July 2019, Connecticut PA 18-185 requires bus drivers to be trained in the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and to administer an Epi-Pen to a student with known allergies.

PA 18-185 By June 30, 2019, the bill requires school transportation carriers to provide training to all school bus drivers, including instruction on (1) identifying the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, (2) administering epinephrine by a cartridge injector ("EpiPen"), (3) notifying emergency personnel, and (4) reporting an incident involving a student's life-threatening allergic reaction. A cartridge injector is an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic equipment used to deliver epinephrine in a standard dose for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions. It allows the training to be completed online, provided the online module meets the bill's requirements.

Parent permission is required to share your child's allergy information with the bus company. By signing the form below, and returning it to the health office at your school, you agree that we can identify your child as having a life-threatening allergy with the bus company.

Please be aware that we will only be able to share your child's name and their allergy information. Medications, doctor's orders, and emergency action plans will need to be carried by your child to and from school in a safe easily identifiable container. Your child's supplies at/for school are not available to the bus driver.

Please sign and date this form and return to the main office at your child's school by **September 30th, 2019.**

Greenwich Public Schools Permission to Share Allergy Information Form

I give permission for the Greenwich Public Schools to provide information regarding my child's allergy to bus drivers employed and trained by Student Transportation of America Bus Company, Stamford, CT.

Child's Name _____ Allergy _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____