

# Sarah's Law

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All students with a known diagnosed seizure disorder must have an individualized seizure action plan, current for that school year, on file at the school accompanied by the prescribed rescue medication (if applicable). This action plan must be reviewed with the parent/guardian and signed by both the parent/guardian and student's health care provider. A detailed seizure emergency action plan from the student's provider, including the PSI Seizure Action Plan, fulfills this requirement. The seizure emergency action plan must be renewed each school year.

School employees and volunteers who regularly interact with the student, are responsible for the direct supervision of the student, and those responsible for transportation of the student to and from school, must be notified in writing regarding the existence and content of each seizure action plan. PSI staff should notify an administrator in writing of the students with seizure disorders, share seizure action plans and develop a plan with that administrator to distribute necessary information to identified school staff.

School administration must designate at least one employee at each school building it operates to be trained on the implementation of the seizure action plan every two years, including rescue medication administration. Once that person(s) is identified, PSI RN staff should review with them the details and implementation of the emergency action plans for each student with a seizure disorder. This can also be coordinated with Epilepsy Alliance Ohio training resources.

School boards or governing authorities should require each person it employs as an administrator, guidance counselor, teacher or bus driver to complete a minimum of one hour of self-study training or in-person training on seizure disorders. Any new employee should complete the training within 90 days of hire. As psi staff, we should continue to provide seizure first aid training for school staff as requested, but this does not suffice for the 1 hour training requirement. Please see the links below to the Epilepsy Foundation and Epilepsy Alliance of Ohio. PSI staff should refer school administration to these resources or to a vendor of their choice such as Public School Works for required training.

### **Online Training Links from The Epilepsy Foundation and The Epilepsy Alliance of Ohio**

<https://learn.epilepsy.com/courses/school-personnel-0D-v2a>

<https://www.epilepsy-ohio.org/on-demand-seizure-first-aid-training-for-school-personnel/>

### **Facts and Resources**

<https://www.epilepsy-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Sarabs-Law-text.pdf>

<https://www.epilepsy-ohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/sarabs-law-flyer.pdf>

### **Link to ODE statement**

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/School-Wellness/Student-Health-and-Medication-Supports/Supporting-Students-with-Seizure-Disorder>