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### Allergy Management

The School Board understands that many individuals have allergies to food. Students may display a range of allergic responses from minor to life-threatening. The best prevention of allergic reactions is avoidance.

- (1) Although the Board cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Board will endeavor to provide an environment that limits the risk for students with life-threatening allergies. The Superintendent and/or designee must take steps necessary to meet this objective.
- (2) The district's goals for severe food-allergic students are to reduce the risk of exposure, identify and recognize symptoms of an adverse reaction and ensure prompt emergency treatment.
  - (a) Each school may place limitations on foods that may be brought in for sharing in the classroom or school.
  - (b) Appropriate staff shall undergo the training required and follow the Allergen Guidelines developed by the Superintendent and/or designee.
- (3) If the student is eligible for accommodations based upon the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act, the appropriate procedures will be followed regarding evaluation and identification.
- (4) Parents are responsible for notifying the school of students with documented food allergies at least annually. Parents must ensure that the school is timely notified whenever there is a change in the student's allergy status. They are responsible for all necessary medical information including the family physician's treatment protocol. This notification should occur at the time of enrollment or as soon after diagnosis as possible. Once the district has been notified by the parent, a conference will be held to develop an Emergency Care Plan, if necessary.
- (5) The school must receive a documented diagnosis of allergies and clear, easy-to-follow written instructions from the student's physician for managing the student's allergies: avoidance measures, typical symptoms, dosing instructions for medications and emergency protocols. Parents are responsible for providing the allergic student's medication directly to the school health office in a properly labeled original container and for maintaining an adequate and up-to-date supply. Parents will provide written

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45 permission for the student's physician and school officials to consult on behalf of the  
46 student.

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48 (6) If the student is at risk of a lethal allergic reaction, the district strongly urges that  
49 he/she wear a medical information bracelet or necklace that identifies the specific  
50 items that may cause an anaphylactic reaction.

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52 (7) School officials in consultation with parents will determine which school personnel are  
53 made aware of the allergic student's condition. Appropriate school staff will receive  
54 details of the Emergency Care Plan.

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57 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 1001.42, 1001.43

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