



**SECTION: STUDENTS**

**POLICY: 209.1**

**TITLE: SEVERE ALLERGIES**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES**

### **A. School Staff**

- a. The school nurse, in consultation with the District physician, will review the medical records and documentation from the attending physician on the student's allergy.
- b. An individual Medical Plan of Care will be developed by the school nurse, in consultation with the District physician, and with assistance and support from the building principal or his/her designee.
- c. Attached to the Medical Plan of Care, if appropriate and necessary, may be procedures agreed to by the school and parent regarding student contact throughout the school day including all schools and facilities, transportation to and from school, while in the classroom or classrooms, and in the cafeteria. The plan and procedures may include provisions for cleaning classrooms and cafeteria areas, for having allergy free product tables in cafeteria, and other measures for notifying other students and parents regarding the student's allergy(ies). It is understood that due to the ages of students, and the varying intensity of allergies, it is likely that the comprehensiveness of the Health Care Plan for an elementary student will be different than that of a secondary student.
- d. Annually, the school nurse shall plan and implement a program, with the support of the building principal, to inform all staff in the building of methods and guidelines for recognizing symptoms of student allergies, and providing emergency treatment.
- e. The principal and school nurse shall annually provide students, parents, and staff with pertinent and timely information on allergies, their symptoms, precautions at both home and at school, and emergency treatment.

### **B. Parents/Guardians**

- a. Contact the school nurse each year to complete and/or update all medical records including specific information pertaining to any and all known allergies.
- b. Provide written documentation from the attending physician to the school nurse regarding the specific allergy, severity and treatment.
- c. When providing snacks, treats, and/or decorations for classroom parties or events, consideration should be given for students with life threatening allergy (ies).

C. Students

- a. Encourage students to never take allergy (ies) lightly.
- b. Encourage students to not joke or tease other students about allergy (ies).
- c. Encourage students never to try to trick someone into eating food they are allergic to.
- d. Encourage students not to share food with food allergic friends.
- e. Encourage students to wash hands before and after eating.
- f. Encourage students to help allergic friends by knowing what they are allergic to and checking labels to make sure they do not contain food that the friend may be allergic to.
- g. Encourage students when someone has an allergic reaction, tell a teacher, aide or administrator immediately.

D. An Allergy Action Plan can be obtained in the Assistant Superintendent's Office.