

Life-Threatening Allergies

The Board of Education recognizes that certain allergies, including but not limited to food, latex, medication, and insect stings, can be life threatening and that the School District, in accordance with Federal and State law, must work with students, parents and medical professionals, on a case-by-case basis, in order to reduce the likelihood of severe, life-threatening allergic reactions in school.

The Board also recognizes the importance of creating an allergen-safe school environment to the extent practicable in order to reduce the likelihood of exposure to offending allergens and prevent life-threatening reactions, including anaphylaxis. The Board encourages students, parents/guardians, school personnel and health care providers to work cooperatively so that children with life threatening allergies can participate fully and safely in school.

Upon written notification by a student's parent/guardian that his/her child has a severe allergy or allergies, the School District shall assemble a Section 504 Team, including the school nurse, principal, food service director (if appropriate), student's teacher(s), and schedule a Section 504 Meeting to review the student's health records and develop an Allergy Action Plan. The School Physician shall be consulted prior to finalizing the Allergy Action Plan and may be requested to attend the 504 Meeting. Each Allergy Action Plan shall be developed on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the child's individual needs and requirements.

No student with a severe allergy shall be denied participation in any school activity based solely on the student's severe allergy.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop regulations to implement this policy in collaboration with the Director of Nursing and Health Education and the School Physician.