

Allergies - Food and Other

Dealing with Allergic Students

The Allendale Public School District takes allergies seriously. We understand that allergies can be life threatening. Recognizing that the risk of accidental exposure can be reduced in the school setting, we are committed to working with students, parent(s)/guardian(s), and physicians to minimize risks and provide a safe educational environment for allergic students.

Parents' Responsibilities

- Notify the school of the child's allergies.
- Work with the school team to develop a plan that accommodates the child's needs.
- Provide written medical documentation, instructions, and medications as directed by a physician.
- Provide properly labeled medications and replace medications after use or upon expiration.
- Educate the child in the self-management of their allergy.
- Provide emergency contact information.

Schools' Responsibilities

- Be knowledgeable about and follow applicable federal laws including ADA, IDEA, Section 504, and FERPA.
- Review the health records submitted by parents and physicians.
- Include allergic students in school activities.
- Identify a core team to establish a prevention plan.
- Assure that all staff who interact with the student on a regular basis is aware of their allergy and management plan.
- Designate school personnel who are properly trained to administer medications.
- Follow federal/state laws and regulations regarding sharing medical information about the student.
- The person in charge of food service programs will act affirmatively and work closely with parent(s)/guardian(s) to assure that the dietary needs of food-allergic students are taken into consideration in menu planning for the District's food service programs.

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LEGAL REF: The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network's (FAAN) School Food Allergy Program.