

ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES & SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

The level of sensitivity and the type and severity of reactions vary considerably among individuals with food allergies and special dietary needs. Therefore, the school's approach to preventing and treating food allergies and intolerances must be tailored to those individual's needs. At the same time, an undiagnosed student may experience an allergic reaction to food for the first time while at school and any allergic reaction can turn life-threatening. Therefore, the school's approach must also be comprehensive.

District administration shall implement procedures to:

1. Identify students with life-threatening allergies and special dietary needs.
2. Create general exposure avoidance measures.
3. Ensure rapid and effective response in the case of a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.
4. Protect the rights of students with food allergies or special dietary needs to participate safely in all school activities.

The above procedures shall be compiled into the [Allergy & Dietary Need Handbook](#).

Confidentiality

Only relevant staff shall be made aware of students with food allergies and special dietary needs, including those with 504 plans. Relevant staff will also be informed of the measures needed to implement the plans, methods to reduce risk of exposure, and emergency response procedures in the event of accidental exposure.

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the *Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs* (R16-21-SCHO), and other statutes and regulations, the confidentiality of students with food allergies shall be maintained, to the extent appropriate.

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Related Forms:

[FCAA-E1 Special Dietary Accommodations](#)
[ACBD-E14 Emergency Care Plan for Severe Allergy](#)