

## **Peanut or Other Food Allergies**

The School recognizes that food allergies, in some instances, may be severe and even life threatening. The School has adopted this policy to create a framework for accommodating students with peanut and other food allergies and to reduce the likelihood of severe allergic reactions of students with known food allergies while at School.

### Parent/Student Responsibility

1. Parents of students, or students age eighteen (18) or older, with food allergies must provide written notification to the Principal of such allergies at the beginning of each School year.
2. Parents of students with life threatening food allergies must provide the School with emergency medications, execute an Emergency Medical Authorization Form, and cooperate with the School to formulate a Food Allergy Action Plan as described below.
3. Parents are responsible for educating their student about managing his/her food allergy at School, including, but not limited to, identifying "safe foods," by reviewing the weekly lunch menu together, and discussing the vigilance required to self monitor food products sold at athletic events or special student sales, foods brought for potlucks or classroom celebrations, or foods served on School-sponsored trips.

### School Responsibility

1. The School will cooperate in the development of a Food Allergy Action Plan for students with life threatening allergies. The Food Allergy Action Plan must address what actions will be taken to avoid exposure at School and what actions will be taken in the event of exposure. The Plan shall be developed through consultation between the School nurse (if any), the student's parents, and the student's physician or allergist. Once created, this Plan should be reviewed and updated annually by the School nurse (if any), the student's parents, and the student's physician or allergist.
2. The School will share the Food Allergy Action Plan with appropriate School staff.
3. With the consent of the student's parents, a Food allergy Action Plan may provide a mechanism for the School to provide notice to the student's classmates and/or a student's classmates' parents of a life threatening food allergy in the classroom.

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