

Food Allergy Policy

In accordance with Section 3313.719 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board has adopted this policy to help protect students with peanut or other food allergies.

Parent/student Responsibility:

- A. Parents/Guardians of students or students age 18 or older (“Parents”) with allergies are required to notify the School in writing of any known allergies at the beginning of each school year or upon learning of such allergy if the school year has already begun.
- B. Parents of students with life threatening allergies must:
 - 1. Ensure that the student has access to emergency medications if prescribed while at the School or School sponsored events.
 - 2. Execute any forms required by the School, including an Authorization of Student Possession and Use of an Epinephrine Autoinjector Form, Authorization of Student Possession and Use of an Asthma Inhaler, and/or Food Allergy Action Plan (the “Plan”).
 - 3. Obtain written approval from the student’s physician permitting the student to carry and use medication, if applicable, in accordance with the School’s Medication Policy.
 - 4. Cooperate with the School to formulate the Food Allergy Action Plan.
 - 5. Provide current emergency contact information and update regularly.
- C. Parents are responsible for educating their student about managing his or her allergy at School, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Safe and unsafe foods
 - 2. Strategies for avoiding exposure to unsafe foods
 - 3. Symptoms of allergic reactions
 - 4. How and when to tell a School staff that he or she is having an allergy-related problem; and
 - 5. Provide current emergency contact information and update regularly

School Responsibility:

For students with life threatening allergies, the School shall:

- A. Develop a plan ("Plan) which addresses (1) what actions will be taken to avoid exposure at the School, and (2) what actions will be taken in the event of student exposure. The Plan will be developed through consultation with the student's Parent and the recommendations of the student's physician or allergist. Once created, this Plan will be reviewed and updated as needed.
- B. The School will share the Plan with appropriate School staff and assist all staff who interact with the student on a regular basis to understand the Plan and be informed of what to do in an emergency.
- C. With the consent of the Parent, the Plan may provide a mechanism for the School to provide notice to the student's classmates and/or the Parents of the student's classmates regarding a life threatening food allergy in the School.
- D. The School will follow the procedures detailed in its approved Medication Administration Policy.

The School welcomes input on this policy from parents, students, School employees and volunteers, and community members.