

**FOOD ALLERGIES / SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

The Governing Board desires to prevent exposure of students to foods to which they are allergic and to provide for prompt and appropriate treatment in the event that a severe allergic reaction occurs at school.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for the care of food-allergic students. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, strategies for identifying students at risk for allergic reactions, avoidance measures and other means to manage allergies, education of staff regarding typical symptoms, and actions to be taken in the event of a severe allergic reaction.

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*

*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

Parents/guardians shall be responsible for notifying the Superintendent or designee, in writing, regarding any food allergies or other special dietary needs of their child in accordance with administrative regulation.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records; Confidentiality)*

Students with serious dietary needs that qualify as a disability under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act shall be provided reasonable accommodation or services, as appropriate, in accordance with his/her accommodation plan or individualized education program.

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education under Section 504)*

Students shall not be excluded from school activities based solely on their food allergy.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination)*

**FOOD ALLERGIES / SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

49407 Liability for treatment

49408 Emergency information

49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors

49423 Administration of prescribed medication for student

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

600-611 Administering medication to students

15562 Reimbursement for meals, substitutions

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

701-795a Rehabilitation Act, including:

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769h National School Lunch Program

1771-1791 Child nutrition, especially:

1773 School Breakfast Program

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

225.16 Meal programs, individual substitutions

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Training Standards for the Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, December 2004*

FOOD ALLERGY AND ANAPHYLAXIS NETWORK (FAAN) PUBLICATIONS

*School Guidelines for Managing Students with Food Allergies*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

*Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs in the School Nutrition Programs: Guidance for School Food Service Staff, Fall 2001*

WEB SITES

American Dietetic Association: <http://www.eatright.org>

American School Food Service Association: <http://www.asfsa.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network: <http://www.foodallergy.org>

International Food Information Council: <http://ific.org>

National School Boards Association, School Health Programs: <http://www.nsba.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>