



SECTION IV: STUDENTS

POLICY 4120

FOOD ALLERGIES

Definitions

A food allergy is an immune system response to any food or food component that the body's immune system recognizes as foreign to the body and believes is harmful.

Purpose

The Board of Education recognizes that in some instances, food allergies may be severe and even occasionally life threatening. The purpose of this Policy is to reduce the likelihood of severe and life-threatening allergic reactions of students with known food allergies under the supervision of Broken Arrow Public Schools.

Although the District cannot guarantee that accidental exposure will be avoided in the school environment, it will work in collaboration with students, parents and health care providers to minimize the chance of exposure.

Policy

The District will periodically provide training to food service employees regarding safe food handling practices to avoid cross-contamination with potential food allergens.

The District will maintain procedures for identifying students at risk for severe and life-threatening allergic reactions. District personnel will seek to obtain clear written instructions from the student's physician for managing that student's allergy, designation of typical symptoms and dosing instructions for medications. District personnel, with parent participation, will develop a written plan to provide a clear understanding of what they are expected to do to help the student avoid an allergic reaction and actions to follow should an exposure occur. In compliance with the policy on the administration of medications, the District will maintain appropriate medications provided by parents and permit students to maintain their own anaphylaxis medication as appropriate to respond to medical emergencies. The District will provide appropriate employee training related to individual students' food allergies. This training will be at the discretion of the administration. Classroom teachers will maintain the information in an organized, prominent and accessible format for substitute teachers. Each student plan will be reviewed and updated at least annually.

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