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Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees strives for a healthy school environment for all students. This includes those students with allergies and life-threatening allergic conditions. The Board has defined standards and procedures required for the management of students at risk of severe allergic reactions while they are in the responsibility of the school. We recognize that this responsibility is shared among the individual, parents, the school and health care providers. The purpose of this policy is to minimize the risk of exposure to students with severe allergies to potentially life-threatening allergens without depriving the student with severe allergies of normal peer interactions or placing unreasonable restrictions on the activities of other students in the school.

The Board recognizes the dangers faced by students and staff with severe reactions to certain allergens. While the School cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure a safe environment for students with life-threatening allergies further to the goal of maintaining an appropriate learning environment for all students.

Definitions

Allergy – A condition in which the body has an exaggerated response to a substance (e.g. food and drug). Also known as hypersensitivity.

Allergen – A normally harmless substance that triggers an allergic reaction in the immune system of a susceptible person.

Anaphylaxis – Anaphylaxis, or anaphylactic shock, is a sudden, severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction to food, stings, bites, or medicines.

Epi-Pen – Brand name for syringe style device containing the drug Adrenalin which is ready for immediate inter-muscular administration.

Minimized Risk Environment – An environment where risk management practices (e.g. Risk assessment forms) have minimized the risk of (allergen) exposure.

Health Management Plan – A detailed document outlining an individual student's condition treatment, and action plan, including the location of an Epi-Pen.

Policies and Procedures

During the registration process, parents will be required to provide information about medical conditions, including whether children are at risk of anaphylaxis and asthma. The Business Administrator shall ensure, that upon registration, parents, guardians and students shall be asked to supply information on life-threatening allergies.

Parents of students with severe allergies must advise the Principal, Business Administrator and Teacher about the student's severe allergy when the allergy is diagnosed, at the beginning of each school year, or when the student changes schools.

It is the responsibility of parents with children at risk of anaphylaxis to ensure their child wears an allergy alert bracelet and carries an Epi-Pen (Epinephrine Auto-Injector).

Practices that reduce the risk of exposure to products containing peanuts and tree nuts will be part of daily operating procedures and school activities.

- Lunch supervisors will ensure that procedures for proper hand washing and clean-up are being followed.
- A "no sharing" policy of food, utensils containers, straws, etc. will be enforced.
- The school community, including parents and guardians, will be asked to keep peanut butter and other peanut/tree nut products out of the school.

Planning, Training and Emergency Response Additional auto-injectors

Additional auto-injectors will be brought on field trips should any student on the field trip be one with an allergy that necessitates this treatment. The Teacher of the field trip (or their designate) will carry a cell phone as per the Field Trip Policy and know the location of the closest medical facility.

- **Emergency Protocol** - An Individual Anaphylaxis plan for each child requiring one will be compiled and updated at the beginning of each school year. The information will be shared with the whole Junior or Senior team as appropriate.
- **Training** - Training will be held at the beginning of each school year for staff that includes an overview of anaphylaxis, signs and symptoms of the onset of an anaphylactic reaction and a demonstration on the use of an Epi-Pen (Epinephrine auto-injector).
- **Emergency Response Procedures Manual** - Available in all classrooms and with all staff, will guide those who are serving in an on-call capacity or parents, caregivers or community members who are present during the emergent need to provide assistance to a student suffering a reaction.

All off-site activity service providers will be notified of the student's severe allergy, when necessary and appropriate (e.g. camp or overnight field trips).

With the consent of the parent, the Principal and the Teacher must ensure that the student's classmates are provided with information on severe allergies in a manner that is appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students.