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MANAGEMENT OF LIFE THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES

The Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education recognizes the importance of developing and implementing a plan for the management of food allergies in the student population. This plan must provide a balance between the health, social normalcy and safety needs of students with life-threatening food allergies and the educational, health and safety needs of all students.

Food Allergy Management Team

The Board of Education delegates the responsibility for developing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and revising the school district's *Guidelines for Food Allergy Management* to a multidisciplinary food allergy management team. The food allergy management team may also be the district's wellness team and may include the following members: Superintendent or designee, building administrator, medical advisor, school nurse, director of special services, food service director, teacher representative, parent representative, student representative, transportation coordinator, supervisor of custodial staff, other school personnel or community representatives as appropriate.

Guidelines established by the food allergy management team shall address the following areas:

1. The process for identifying students with life-threatening food allergies including provisions for parents/guardians to provide adequate medical documentation
2. The process for developing individual health care plans for students with life-threatening allergies consistent with applicable state and federal law
3. Strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to life-threatening food allergens in school buildings
4. Provisions for the ongoing education of school personnel and the school community regarding the management of life-threatening food allergies
5. Emergency medical response plan including communication strategies between individual schools and local providers of emergency services
6. A method for monitoring and assessing of the food allergy management plan on at least an annual basis.

The *Guidelines for Food Allergy Management* shall be posted on the Board's website or the website of each school under the Board's jurisdiction. Parents and guardians shall be provided notice of the District's food allergy management plan annually, at the beginning of each school year in conjunction with the provision of the written statement of the Board's pesticide application policy.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records
10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student
10-207 Duties of medical advisors
10-212a Administrations of medications in schools
10-212c Life threatening food allergies: Guidelines; district plans
10-220i Transportation of students carrying cartridge injectors

20 U.S.C. 1232g, Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
20 U.S.C. 1400, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
42 U.S.C. 12101 Americans with Disabilities Act