

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.

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.

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.

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

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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>