

STUDENTS

SUBJECT: Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs

The County Office of Education 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 County Superintendent of Schools 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 - Health Care and Emergencies)

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

Parents/guardians shall be responsible for notifying the County 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)

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 in District Programs and Activities)

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>