

FOOD ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

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The district and schools will follow these rules governing the management of food allergies.

Principals will be notified of any student who is unable to consume the meals normally served at the school in which he/she is enrolled.

Schools will provide modified menus or food preparation for students as required by their IHP.

Parental Responsibilities

- Notify the school principal of any food allergy or special dietary need related to a disabling condition or medical necessity.
- Provide medical information from a medical provider to be included in the student's IHP.
- Provide updated medical information annually.
- Participate in any meetings or discussions regarding the student's meal plan.
- Notify the school of any changes relating to the food allergy or special dietary need.

School Site Responsibilities

- Identify students requiring special dietary modifications. The principal or his/her designee will refer a student with known or suspected special dietary needs for special services as required by law and will notify the special education director, Section 504 coordinator and school nurse, as appropriate, given the nature of the medical requirement or disabling condition known or suspected.
- The principal or his/her designee will make staff members and the student aware of precautions needed related to field trips, classroom parties, allergy alert identification, intervention strategies, and other issues necessary to promote student safety. The plan will be communicated to any staff member who should know about the student's condition.
- Monitor and update the student's IEP, Section 504 plan, or IHP as needed.

Food and Nutrition Services Responsibilities

- Provide food item services and/or substitutions for students based on medical need. Menus will not be modified based on personal preference.
- Provide training to school nutrition personnel on how to react to food allergies and food-related emergencies and how to modify menus.
- Maintain special dietary information on each student identified as having special dietary needs and update this information as needed.

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