

POLICY FOR THE TREATMENT AND CARE OF STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING FOOD ALLERGIES

This policy establishes a consistent set of procedures for the treatment and maintenance of students diagnosed with food allergies and specifically peanut/nut allergies. The commitment to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff requires a cooperative and collaborative effort including the home, physician, school nurse and staff. The **Danvers Public School Protocol for Students with Life Threatening Allergies** provides detail to support the following:

1. The school nurse will obtain medical documentation from parents detailing the diagnosis and treatment. Special attention will be paid at the time of kindergarten registration.
2. The nurse will meet with the parent(s) and other members of the staff if appropriate to develop an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP). Forms and procedures are included in the Danvers Public Schools Protocol.
3. The school may restrict entry/placement of a student until this information is available, clarified with the child's physician and incorporated into a signed IHCP/504 and or IEP. The decision to delay entry will be based upon an assessment of health and safety risks.
4. The Principal/nurse will inform parents of the identified student that they are responsible for providing food daily and for special events.
5. The Principal will ensure that an "**allergy**-free" table is available in the cafeteria
6. The school nurse will provide Epi-pen training according to DOE/DPH Guidelines to all staff.
7. The Principal/school nurse will inform teachers, when appropriate, that they are to restrict snacks in the classroom and on field trips to ensure to the extent possible an **allergy**-free setting. The school will not be responsible for monitoring food from homes. However, a reasonable, good faith effort will be made to control packaged food products made available to children. As of September 2003 school birthday celebrations will not include food products.
8. The school nurse, in collaboration with the Principal will inform parents of the existence of a child/children with significant allergies and the steps required to ensure safety.
9. Procedures for Medical Emergencies (911) remain in effect.

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