

Students

Students with Special Health Care Needs

Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs (Food Allergy Management)

Food allergy management shall focus on prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response. The management goals shall strike a balance between the health, social normalcy and safety needs of the individual student with disabling food allergies and the education, health and safety needs of all students. The food allergy management goals shall be the basis for the development of the procedural guidelines that will be implemented at the school level and provide for consistency across all schools within the district.

The goals include:

1. To maintain the health and protect the safety of children who have disabling food allergies in ways that are developmentally appropriate, promote self-advocacy and competence in self-care and provide appropriate educational opportunities.
2. To ensure that interventions and individual health care plans for students with disabling food allergies are based on medically accurate information and evidence-based practices.
3. To define a formal process for identifying, managing, and ensuring continuity of care for students with disabling food allergies across all transitions. (Pre-K-Grade 12)

The Board of Education will follow the guidelines developed and promulgated by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Department of Education for students within the District with disabling food allergies. Such guidelines include (1) education and training for school personnel on the management of students with disabling food allergies, including training related to the administration of medication with a cartridge injector, (2) procedures for responding to disabling allergic reactions to food, (3) a process for the development of individualized health care and food allergy action plans for every student with a disabling food allergy, and (4) protocols to prevent exposure to food allergens.

Legal Reference: 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
 10-212a(d) Administration of medications in schools by a paraprofessional
 10-220i Transportation of students carrying cartridge injectors

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

52-557b Good Samaritan Law. Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection

PA 05-104 An Act Concerning Food Allergies and the Prevention of Life-Threatening Incidents in Schools

PA 05-144 and 05-272 An Act Concerning the Emergency Use of Cartridge Injectors

The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies section 10-212a through 10-212a-7

Federal Legislation

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794 § 504; 34 C.F.R. § 104 et seq.)

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.; 29C.F.R. §1630 et seq.)

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1976 (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.); 34 C.F.R. § 300 et seq.

FCS Instruction 783-2, Revision 2, Meal substitution for medical or other special dietary reasons.

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