

SEDGWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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STUDENTS WITH SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

The Sedgwick School Board recognizes that food allergies can pose a significant health problem and, for some students, a life-threatening risk. In addition, students with severe allergies may be considered as persons having disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

School personnel shall immediately develop and implement an Individual Health Care Plan and shall subsequently develop and implement a Section 504 Plan, when appropriate, for food-allergic students. Such plans will include measures for managing food allergies at school, at school-sponsored events, and on field trips.

Parents of students with food allergies will be responsible for notifying the school of their child's allergy and for providing requested documentation. Parents of food-allergic students are expected to work with the 504 Coordinator, Principal, staff, and their child's health care providers to minimize risks and promote a safe environment for their child.

The Superintendent, in consultation with the school nurse and school physician, 504 Coordinator, Food Service Director (if applicable), and Principal shall be responsible for developing and implementing guidelines that will provide a safe and supportive environment for students with food allergies and ensure that emergency medical needs of food-allergic students are met. Such guidelines shall:

- Comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to those related to nondiscrimination and confidentiality;
- Compel the school nurse, with input from the student's health care provider, to develop an Individual Health Care Plan;
- Clarify the expectations and responsibilities of parents, student, and school personnel;
- Implement strategies for managing allergies that minimize disruption in the student's school activities;
- Implement strategies that reduce exposure to allergens.
- Encourage communications between school and home.
- Implement an annual and regular review of procedure for food allergy emergencies.