

**CHESTER COUNTY  
INTERMEDIATE  
UNIT 24**

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

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808.1. SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES	
1. Purpose	The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff and will work with students, parents/guardians and staff to prevent students from experiencing severe food allergy events while at school or when engaged in Intermediate Unit activities. The Board, however, cannot assure that a student will never experience an allergy-related event while at school or when engaged in Intermediate Unit activities.
2. Delegation of Responsibility	The Executive Director shall be responsible to ensure that procedures consistent with this policy and tailored to the unique programs of the Intermediate Unit are developed and implemented. Procedures may vary from program to program and building to building to accommodate the different ages and different student populations served. The following guidelines shall be considered and incorporated as required in the procedures.
3. Guidelines	<p>Principals, program supervisors, school nurses, other nursing staff, health specialists, food services personnel, teachers, and instructional assistants shall be familiar with this policy and the building or program-specific procedure and shall comply with their requirements to help avoid severe allergic reactions by students in Intermediate Unit-operated programs.</p> <p>A parent/guardian of a student with known food allergies shall be responsible for notifying the school nurse or health specialist or, when a school nurse or health specialist is not available, the principal or other person responsible for the program in which their child is enrolled of the student's food allergy. The parent/guardian shall be responsible to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep the school nurse or other responsible person informed of the circumstances of the allergy.</li> <li>2. Provide standing medication/treatment orders from the student's personal licensed healthcare provider.</li> </ol>

<p>Pol. 210</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Provide written documentation concerning the specific allergy, including its severity and treatment.</li><li>4. Provide properly labeled medications and replace medications after use or upon expiration.</li><li>5. Provide a list of food contacts to be avoided, including eating, touching, and breathing.</li><li>6. Advise the school nurse, health specialist, or other responsible person about changes in the circumstances of the severe food allergy.</li></ol> <p>Established procedures shall also:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assure that all staff who interact with the student on a regular basis understand the food allergy, can recognize symptoms, know what to do in an emergency, and work with other school staff to eliminate the use of food allergens in the allergic student's meals, educational tools, arts and crafts projects, or incentives.</li><li>2. Designate school personnel who are properly trained to administer medications in accordance with Board policy and applicable laws or regulations governing the administration of emergency medications.</li><li>3. Provide for appropriate storage of medications and an emergency kit that contains a physician or other licensed healthcare provider's standing order for epinephrine or other medication.</li><li>4. Consider allowing an age-appropriate student to carry his/her own epinephrine, with approval of the student's personal healthcare provider, parent/guardian, and school nurse.</li></ol> <p>This policy and the building/program specific-procedure shall be reviewed with staff and training shall be provided as required.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 964, 1402</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 210</p>
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