

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: FOOD ALLERGIES

ADOPTED: December 4, 2014

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209.1. FOOD ALLERGIES	
1. Purpose	The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all, students and staff. Although efforts will be made to accommodate those students with known life-threatening allergies, the district cannot guarantee that a student will never experience an allergy-related event while at school.
2. Authority	<p>Any student enrolling in the school district with a life-threatening allergy will be required to complete the designated forms required by PDE. Copies are available on our website or by calling the Food Service Office.</p> <p>The parent/guardian will be expected to follow the directives as listed on these forms and provide the necessary medication/medications for the treatment of allergic reactions as ordered by the physician according to district policy.</p> <p>A physician’s order will be required each year for any medication or specialized treatments required in the treatment of the allergic condition.</p>
3. Definition	Allergy is a hypersensitivity caused by exposure to a particular allergen which can include but is not limited to food, insects, latex, and environmental sources. An extreme hypersensitivity to the allergen can be life-threatening and requires immediate medical intervention.
4. Guidelines	<p>The most important aspect in the management of a student with known life-threatening allergies is avoidance of the allergen.</p> <p>The food services department nor the Trinity Area School District cannot guarantee or ensure that foods will not be contaminated with nuts or food allergens.</p> <p>An allergy table will be available at each building for children to sit in the cafeterias who may potentially come into contact with allergens. Parents must notify the school each year in writing if their child is to sit at the allergy table.</p>

<p>45 CFR Part 160 et seq</p> <p>Pol. 248, 249</p>	<p>The Trinity Area School District encourages families with students of severe food allergies to carry their own water bottles from home to prevent potential of cross contamination from water fountains.</p> <p>Parents with children of a life threatening food allergy are encouraged to attend field trips and class parties to supervise their children at such events and closely monitor foods that they may be in contact with.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the family to send snacks to school for their child that are appropriate to the elementary buildings. The teacher will store and distribute non-perishable treats provided by families labeled for specific children with a disabling food allergy when treats are distributed.</p> <p>Trinity Area School District cannot regulate nor control food brought in from outside sources or foods served as part of The National School Breakfast or Lunch Program with regards to food allergies. Accommodations will be made to assist families with students who have disabling food allergies.</p> <p>Information and education regarding a student’s allergy and medication administration will be shared with appropriate school personnel.</p> <p>A proactive approach will be taken to provide a safe school environment for those students with known allergies. A child with a disabling allergy is expected to express a food allergy when appropriate.</p> <p>Teasing, bullying, or harassing of a students with a known allergy by other students will not be tolerated.</p> <p>The student with allergies will be encouraged to immediately notify an adult if they believe they have been exposed to the allergen.</p> <p>Food consumption will not be permitted on school buses unless necessary (i.e. student with diabetes).</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g</p> <p>Family Educational Rights and Privacy, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 99</p>
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Public Welfare, Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations – Part 160

Board Policy – 210, 248, 249