

Students with Food Allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease, and/or Diabetes

The Bethany Public School District (District) recognizes that food allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD), and diabetes may be life-threatening. For this reason, the District is committed to developing strategies and practices to minimize the risk of accidental exposure to life-threatening food allergens and to ensure prompt and effective medical response should a student suffer an allergic reaction while at school. The District is also committed to appropriately managing and supporting students with GSD and diabetes. The District further recognizes the importance of collaborating with parents/guardians and appropriate medical staff in developing such practices and encourages strategies to enable the student to become increasingly proactive in the care and management of the student’s food allergy, GSD, or diabetes, as developmentally appropriate. To this end, the Bethany Board of Education (Board) directs the Superintendent to adopt guidelines related to the management of life-threatening food allergies, GSD, and diabetes for students enrolled in the school.

It is the Board’s expectation that specific building-based guidelines/actions will take into account the health needs and well-being of all children without discrimination or isolation of any child. It is the Board’s belief that education and open and informative communication are vital for the creation of an environment with reduced risks for all school personnel, students, and their families.

- Legal References:
- Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212a
 - Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212c
 - Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220i
 - Connecticut General Statutes § 10-231c
 - Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-900
 - Connecticut General Statutes § 52-557b
 - Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §§ 10-212a-1 through 10-212a-7
 - Guidelines for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Connecticut Schools (Includes Guidelines for Managing Glycogen Storage Disease), Connecticut State Department of Education (Updated 2012)
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794
 - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1976 (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.

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