

Student Allergies

Definition

1. “Allergic” for the purpose of this Administrative Regulation means that a student has a life-threatening or potentially life-threatening allergy.
2. “Protected handicapped student” means a student who meets the following conditions:
 - a. Is of an age at which public education is offered in EASTERN; and
 - b. Has a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the student’s school program.
3. “Section 504 Service Agreement” means a written agreement executed by a student’s parent/guardian and the educational team responsible for setting forth the specific related aids, services or accommodations to be provided to a protected handicapped student.

Identifying Students with Allergies

Students with allergies shall typically be identified by their sending district. If EASTERN becomes aware of a student allergy, it shall inform the sending district for further action. In the case of an adult student, EASTERN shall follow the procedures set forth below for individual health plans

All information provided to EASTERN regarding a student’s allergies will be treated as confidential whenever doing so does not create a risk to the student’s safety. Disclosure of such information will be governed by EASTERN’s policies and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”). Information regarding the student’s allergies may be revealed to appropriate EASTERN staff whenever doing so is deemed necessary to protect the student’s safety.

Medication

See Policy C115 “Use of Medications.”

Procedures for Section 504 Service Agreements for Adult Students

If an adult student is identified as having an allergy that requires modifications to the school environment, EASTERN, with the assistance of qualified medical personnel as necessary and the student’s parent/guardian, will create a Section 504 Service Agreement in the form accompanying this procedure as “Attachment A” which follows the recommendations of the student’s treating physician to ensure the student is able to attend EASTERN and have equal opportunity to participate in the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate.

Special Considerations for Students Enrolling in EASTERN’s Culinary Arts Program

1. Common food allergens (cow’s milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, nut oils, fish, shellfish, soybeans, wheat, and dairy products), as well as less common food allergens are used regularly in EASTERN’s Culinary Arts curriculum in its Culinary Arts program.

2. EASTERN's Culinary Arts program has technical standards that must be met for participation in its program. The Culinary Arts program includes the requirement that the student, with or without reasonable accommodations, must be able to safely and effectively test and evaluate the taste, appearance, texture and aroma of food and beverage products, and maneuver in professional or commercial kitchens, dining rooms and related facilities.
3. Applicants with a food allergy who have been accepted for admission to EASTERN and intend to pursue studies in the Culinary Arts must contact or visit the Adult Education Coordinator prior to attending their first class to discuss any reasonable accommodations that might be available. While EASTERN will provide reasonable accommodations in compliance with applicable law, it cannot guarantee it will be able to meet all requests for accommodations or remove allergens from its curriculum; there is always a risk of contamination with allergic ingredients.

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