

RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

5423

**LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS
MANAGEMENT**

The Rye City School District is committed to the safety and health of all students and employees. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Foster a safe and healthy learning environment for students/employees with food allergies;
- Reduce the likelihood of severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions;
- Ensure a rapid and effective response in the case of a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reaction; and
- Protect the rights of food-allergic students/employees to participate in school activities.

Although the District cannot guarantee an allergy-free environment, school procedures focus on prevention, education and emergency response. Students are discouraged from bringing nut products to school, though the District does not explicitly ban these products, as bans may not render the environment absolutely safe and may give a false sense of security.

Everyone has a role and responsibility in supporting a healthy learning environment for all students, including those who have, or develop, life-threatening allergies. The District will work cooperatively with the student, his/her parent/guardian and healthcare provider to allow the child to participate as fully and as safely as possible in school activities (see policy 5420 regarding establishment of Individual Health and/or 504 Plans). The District provides education within the school curriculum to improve awareness and understanding of allergies. Students with allergies have a role in learning to make good choices and advocating for themselves. All members of the school community can be supportive of the effort to provide a safe and healthy school environment by refraining from bringing known allergens to school.

Management of Life-Threatening Allergies/Anaphylaxis or Long Term or Chronic Medical Conditions

The District recognizes its role and responsibility in supporting a healthy learning environment for all students, including those who have, or develop, life-threatening allergies and/or other long term medical conditions. The District will work cooperatively with the student, their parent/guardian and healthcare provider to allow the child to participate as fully and as safely as possible in school activities. When a student has a known life-threatening allergy or other serious medical condition reported on their health form or if the District has been informed by the parent of a the presence of such condition, the District will assemble a team,

which may include the parent, the school nurse, the child's teacher, the building principal and other appropriate personnel, which will be charged with developing an individual health care plan. The plan will be maintained by the school nurse. The plan will guide ongoing medical management, prevention, and response in the case of a medical crisis. If the student is eligible for accommodations based upon the IDEA, Section 504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act, the appropriate procedures will be followed regarding identification, evaluation and implementation of accommodations.

References:

Board Policy 5420: Student Health Services

Education Law §§6090 (emergency treatment of anaphylaxis)

8 NYCRR §64.7 (administration of agents to treat anaphylaxis); Part 136 (school health services program)

Administration of Medication in the School Setting Guidelines, State Education Department, revised April 2002

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