

## MANAGEMENT OF LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES

The Board of Trustees is aware that anaphylactic reactions, most often caused by exposure to substances to which the pupil is allergic, can be life threatening. The sources of these allergens are typically food, medicines, insects and latex. The risk of accidental exposure to these allergens can be reduced in the school setting if school staff works with pupils, parents/guardians, and physicians to minimize risks and provide a safe educational environment for allergic pupils.

The partnership between school staff, parents/guardians, and physicians is primary to the successful management of a pupil's life-threatening allergies. It is critical that the parent/guardian inform the school principal of the pupil's allergy, and that this information is given to all school staff members. The pupil's physician needs to establish the treatment protocol and shall provide the protocol to the school. School staff must be made aware of the treatment protocols for the pupil's particular allergy and be knowledgeable regarding the location of necessary medications and their application, such as the administering of the auto-injector (EpiPen). Training shall be provided to school site staff to recognize the reactions, administer the protocols, and be aware of the District's policy and regulations regarding life-threatening allergies.

There will be pupils that have allergies to specific food products, such as peanuts or tree nuts. Special care will be exercised to support these pupils by having parents/guardians consult with the teacher before supplying food or craft supplies to the classroom. District policy requires that an ingredient list accompany any food brought to the school (Pol-5536). District staff will work with parents/guardians to accommodate the needs of the allergic/anaphylactic pupil on an individual basis to diminish the risk of accidental exposure to their specific allergen(s).

### Legal Reference

#### EDUCATION CODE

- 49403 *Cooperation in Control of communicable Disease and Immunization of Pupils*
- 49423 *Administration of Prescribed Medication to Pupil*
- 49423.5 *Specialized Physical Health Care Services*
- 49423.6 *Medication; Administration in Public Schools*

#### CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

- 5193 *Bloodborne Pathogens*

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