

# SAUCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

ADOPTED: April 22, 2008

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209.2. SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES	
1. Purpose	The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. The purpose of this policy shall be two-fold: to safeguard the health and well-being of students and employees and concurrently, to protect the rights of the individual.
2. Authority	<p>This policy is based on procedures and standards recommended by the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network's (FAAN) School Food Allergy Program. The School Food Allergy Program has been endorsed and/or supported by: American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, American School Food Services Association, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of School Nurses, National School Boards Association, and American Academy of Pediatrics.</p> <p>This policy is adaptable and will be implemented for all severe allergies. Administrative guidelines shall be implemented for all severe allergies.</p>
3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p><u>Family Responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notify the school of the child's allergy.</li> <li>2. Work with the school team to develop a plan that accommodates the child's needs throughout the school including the classroom, cafeteria, after-school care programs, during school-sponsored activities, and on the school bus.</li> </ol>
Pol. 210	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Provide written medical documentation, instructions, and medications as directed by a physician.</li> <li>4. The food allergy action plan form must be submitted to the school. This form is available from the school nurse.</li> </ol>
Pol. 210	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Provide medication for use and replace if expired and administered.</li> </ol>

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<p>Pol. 209, 216</p>	<p>6. Educate the child in self-management of their food allergy including: safe and unsafe foods; strategies for avoiding exposure to unsafe foods; symptoms of allergic reactions; how and when to tell an adult they may be having an allergy-related problem; and how to read food labels (age appropriate).</p> <p><u>School Responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review the health records submitted by parents/guardians and physicians.</li><li>2. Do not exclude food allergic students in school activities solely based on their food allergy.</li><li>3. Assure that all staff who interact with the student on a regular basis understand the food allergy, can recognize symptoms, and know what to do in an emergency.</li><li>4. The school nurse will provide a completed food allergy action plan to staff.</li><li>5. Discuss field trips with the family of the food allergic child to decide appropriate strategies for managing the allergy.</li><li>6. Follow federal, state, and district laws and regulations regarding the sharing of medical information about the student.</li><li>7. Take threats or harassments against an allergic child seriously.</li><li>8. Regardless of the allergy, the district will not support a complete ban of specific foods from the cafeteria that may contribute to the student's allergy.</li></ol> <p><u>Student Responsibilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Should not trade food with others.</li><li>2. Should not eat anything with unknown ingredients or known to contain an allergen.</li><li>3. Should be proactive in the care and management of their food allergies and reactions, based on their developmental level.</li><li>4. Should notify an adult immediately if they eat something they believe may contain the food to which they are allergic.</li></ol>
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References:

Board Policy – 000, 209, 210, 216