



Elkhart Independent School District
Food Allergy Management Plan
(Addendum to the District Wellness Program Plan)
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Background Senate Bill 27 from the 82nd Texas legislative session requires school districts to adopt board policy by 8/1/12 addressing health and safety protocols for students with severe food allergies. While the policy was adopted in June 2012, the mandate included a requirement to develop and incorporate local procedures encompassed in a district Food Allergy Management Plan. This plan was created to fulfill that requirement.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

Procedures to limit the risk posed to students with food allergies shall include:

I. Specialized training for employees responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of the District's food allergy management plan.

Resources used to develop the plan and for training include 'Guidelines for the Care of Students with Food Allergies At-Risk for Anaphylaxis To Implement Senate Bill 27' from TDSHS, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) as well as other school health resources.

II. Awareness training for employees regarding signs and symptoms of food allergies and emergency response in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.

- A. *All instructional, Transportation and Custodial staff will complete or review the district's Food Allergy Awareness Training, provided as a self-directed PowerPoint. The training details anaphylaxis signs/symptoms, emergency response actions, and general reminders to reduce exposure to allergens. This must be completed by full-time staff.*
- B. *Child Nutrition staff will: Annually participate in trainings regarding recognition of allergic reactions, how to avoid cross-contamination and how to handle anaphylaxis in the cafeteria.*

III. General strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to common food allergens.

These recommended strategies are included in the self-directed “Food Allergy Awareness Training” Module.

IV. Methods for requesting specific food allergy information from a parent of a student with a diagnosed food allergy.

Campuses shall ensure that appropriate ‘Request for Food Allergy Information’ forms are distributed upon student enrollment and annually thereafter. The school nurse will be required to follow-up on these and/or Student Registration cards indicating which students have, or may have, a severe food allergy.

V. Annual review of the District’s Food Allergy Management Plan.

Each instructional campus shall have a food allergy management team composed of the school nurse, campus administrator, Food Service Director, and daytime custodian. This team will review the district food allergy management plan annually and after an incident requiring medical care and present any recommended changes to the District Committee.

STUDENTS AT RISK FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

Procedures regarding the care of students with diagnosed food allergies who are at risk for anaphylaxis shall include:

I. Development and implementation of food allergy action plans, emergency action plans, individualized healthcare plans, and Section 504 plans, as appropriate.

Principals will ensure that specific food allergy information requests (the ‘Registration Card/Student Emergency Card’ and/or ‘Request for Food Allergy Information’ from sent out in each student’s registration packet) have been completed by parents at the beginning of the school year and are reviewed for potential student Food Allergy Action Plan development.

II. Training, as necessary, for employees and others to implement each student’s care plan, including strategies to reduce the student’s risk of exposure to the diagnosed allergen.

Principals and District Nurse will ensure that all pertinent instructional staff are trained on how to administer medications and handle an anaphylactic emergency.

III. Review of individual care plans and procedures periodically and after an anaphylactic reaction at school or at a school-related activity.

Changes, if indicated, will be made to the Food Allergy Management Plan and/or Student Food Allergy Action Plan and submitted to the School Health Advisory Committee for inclusion in the District’s Wellness Program Plan Addendum as appropriate.

DISTRIBUTION

Information regarding this policy and the District's food allergy management plan shall be made available at each campus, on the district website, and included in campus student handbooks (hard copy and online versions).

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