

## **Policy on Allergies**

## Peanut or Other Food Allergies:

Intergenerational Schools recognizes that food allergies, in some instances may be severe and even life threatening. We have adopted this policy to create a framework for accommodating students with peanut and other food allergies and to reduce the likelihood of severe allergic reactions of students with known food allergies while at school.

## Parent/Student Responsibility:

Parents of students with food allergies must provide written notification to the nurse and office assistant of such allergies at the beginning of the school year or during the school year if the allergy is identified after school starts. Parents of students with life threatening food allergies must provide the school with emergency medications, execute an Emergency Medical Authorization Form, and cooperate with the school to formulate a Food Allergy Action Plan as described below. Parents are responsible for educating their child on managing his/her food allergy at school including, but not limited to, identifying "safe foods" and discussing the vigilance required to self-monitor food products that are brought for special class events, school events, school celebrations or food served at school for breakfast, lunch, snack and/or school sponsored field trips.

## School Responsibility:

The school must cooperate in the development of a Food Allergy Action Plan for students with life threatening allergies. The Food Allergy Action Plan must address what actions will be taken to avoid exposure at school and what actions will be taken in the event of exposure. The plan shall be developed through consultation between School Nurse (if any, or other school staff or person if none), the student's parents, and the student's physician or allergist. Once created this plan should be reviewed and updated annually by the School, the student's parents, and the student's physician or allergist.

The school will share the Food Allergy Action Plan developed with appropriate School Staff. With the consent of the student's parents, a Food Allergy Action Plan may provide information on a life threatening food allergy.

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