

The board recognizes the increasing frequency and intensity of allergic reactions to foods by certain students and the impact these reactions may have on all children in the educational environment. Therefore, the Haywood County Schools will:

- 1) make every reasonable effort to promote and protect the health of children in school by providing food choices that are safe as well as nutritious;
- 2) provide environments that reduce the risk of ingestion or contact with foods that trigger allergic reactions for students with known life-threatening food allergies; and
- 3) develop prevention and management educational materials and make them widely available to Haywood County Schools students, parents, and employees.

The superintendent or designee shall develop formal procedures for identifying, managing, and ensuring continuity of care for students with life-threatening allergies across all transitions (from PreK through grade 12). The procedures shall include a protocol for development of (1) appropriate accommodations or healthcare plans and (2) emergency care plans. Such accommodations and plans shall comply with the requirements of all applicable board policies, including policy 6215, Administering Medicines to Students, and shall be developed and communicated in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws.

Legal References: Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12134, 28 C.F.R. pt. 35; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*, 34 C.F.R. pt. 300; Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. -705(20), -794, 34 C.F.R. pt. 104; G.S. 115C-36, -307(c), - 375.1, -375.2; *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*, State Board of Education Policy GCS-D-000

Cross References: Student Records (policy 4700), Administering Medicines to Students (policy 6125), Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector Devices (policy 5024/6127/7266)

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