

## **STUDENTS**

**5141.25(a)**

### **Students with Special Health Care Needs**

#### **Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs**

The North Canaan Board of Education believes all students, through necessary accommodations where required, shall have the opportunity to participate fully in all school programs and activities. In some cases, a student's disability may prevent him/her from eating meals prepared for the general school population.

Students with documented life-threatening food allergies are considered disabled and are covered by the Disabilities Act and Public Law 93-112 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

North Canaan Elementary School's Food Allergy Management Plan includes prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response. The management plan strikes a balance between the health, social normalcy and safety needs of the individual student with life threatening food allergies and the education, health and safety needs of all students.

1. To maintain the health and protect the safety of children who have life-threatening food allergies in ways that are developmentally appropriate, promote self-advocacy and competence in self-care and provide appropriate educational opportunities.
2. To ensure that interventions and individual health care plans for students with life-threatening food allergies are based on medically accurate information and evidence-based practices.
3. To define a formal process for identifying, managing, and ensuring continuity of care for students with life-threatening food allergies across all transitions. (Pre-K-Grade 12)

It is the policy of the Board of Education to follow the guidelines developed and promulgated by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Department of Education for students within the District with life-threatening food allergies and glycogen storage disease. Such guidelines include:

1. education and training for school personnel on the management of students with life-threatening food allergies and glycogen storage disease, including training related to the administration of medication with a cartridge injector and the provision of food or dietary supplements,
2. procedures for responding to life threatening allergic reactions to food,
3. a process for the development of individualized health care and food allergy action plans for every student with a life-threatening food allergy,
4. a process for the development of individualized health care and glycogen storage disease action plans for every student with glycogen storage disease and such plan shall

include, but not be limited to, the provision of food or dietary supplements by the school nurse or by any school employee approved by the school nurse, to a student with glycogen storage disease provided such plan does not prohibit a parent/guardian or a person they so designate, to provide food or dietary supplements on school grounds during the school day, and

5. protocols to prevent exposure to food allergens.

It is the Board's expectation that specific building-based guidelines/actions will take into account the health needs and well-being of all children without discrimination or isolation of any child. It is the Board's belief that education and open and informative communication are vital for the creation of an environment with reduced risks for all students and their families. In order to assist children with life-threatening allergies to assume more individual responsibility for maintaining their safety as they grow, it is the policy of the Board that guidelines shift as children advance through the primary grades and through secondary school.

(cf.5141 Student Health Services)

(cf. 5141.21 Administering Medication)

(cf. 5141.23 - Students with Special Health Care Needs)

(cf. 5141.3 Health Assessments)

(cf. 5145.4 Nondiscrimination)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15b Access of parent or guardian to student's records

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and students

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-212a Administrations of medications in schools

10-212c Life threatening food allergies; Guidelines; district plans, ass amended by P.A. 12-198

10-212a(d) Administration of medications in schools by a paraprofessional

10-220i Transportation of students carrying cartridge injectors

52-557b Good Samaritan Law. Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection

PA 05-104 An Act Concerning Food Allergies and the Prevention of Life-Threatening Incidents in Schools

PA 05-144 and 05-272 An Act Concerning the Emergency Use of Cartridge

## Injectors

The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies section [10-212a](#) through [10-212a-7](#)

### Federal Legislation

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794 § 504; 34 C.F.R. § 104 et seq.)

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.; 29C.F.R. §1630 et seq.)

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1976 (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.); 34 C.F.R. § 300 et seq.

FCS Instruction 783-2, Revision 2, Meal substitution for medical or other special dietary reasons.

P.A. 09-155 An Act Concerning the Use of Asthmatic Inhalers and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors While at School

*Land v. Baptist Medical Center*, 164 F3d 423 (8th Cir. 1999)

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