

STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTION	5000
<u>HEALTH AND SAFETY</u>	5700
STUDENTS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES	5711.01

I. Purpose

The School Committee recognizes the right of each student to participate. To the extent of the student's ability, with or without accommodation, in school and school related activities. The Committee further recognizes the importance of ensuring that the environment in the Salem Public Schools is as safe as it is reasonably possible to achieve for student who experience life-threatening allergies. It is the Committee's purpose in this policy to ensure achievement of these objectives.

II. General

To achieve the objectives set forth above the School Committee directs the Superintendent of Schools to promote a safe environment for all students by:

- A. Educating or seeing to the education of all members of the Salem Public Schools Community about life-threatening food allergies, including but not limited to peanuts and other nuts, and products that include or are made from them;
- B. Encouraging voluntary commitment by each member of the Salem Public Schools community, including students and their parents or guardians, to refrain from bring peanut and nut products to school in order to lessen the risk to students who are severely allergic to these items;
- C. Reducing the possibility of cross contamination between students who eat peanut and nut products either at home or at school, and students who have food allergies;
- D. Developing administrative procedures and procedures for school nurses, cafeteria staff, building administrators, instruction personnel, office and clerical staff, custodial employees, and public safety officials that will ensure clarification of the expectations and roles of each in achieving the purposes of this policy.

III. Individual Health Care Plan

The Superintendent shall see to it that an individual health care plan (IHCP) including emergency action plan (EAP), is developed for each student who presents with a life threatening or otherwise serious allergy, and that with the consent of the students parents or guardian, the EAP will be appropriately posted in the school and made available to the staff who would be obligated to implement the EAP.

IV. School Emergency Response Plan

The Superintendent shall see to it that a workable plan is developed for any instance when a student is suspected of experiencing an anaphylactic reaction at school.

V. Modifications

The Superintendent shall see to it that plans will be developed at each school for implementation in classrooms, in school cafeterias, and throughout the school to ensure the achievement of the purposes of this policy, and the implementation of students' IHCP's, EAPS, and the school's emergency response plan.

References

29 U. S. C. § 794 (a) (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

Managing Life Threatening Food Allergies in Schools, Mass Dept. of Education (2002)
Salem Public Schools Guidelines for Managing Life Threatening Allergies in the School Setting

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