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***FOOD ALLERGIES***

*The Irvine Unified School District has developed guidelines for the care of students with food-allergies. Such guidelines shall include, but are not limited to, research-based strategies for identifying students at risk for allergic reactions, avoidance measures, education of staff regarding symptoms and actions taken in the event of a severe allergic reaction.*

*The District strives to keep students safe at school through the implementation of Life-Threatening Food Allergies Practices which include:*

- *Parents/Guardians notifying the school in writing regarding any food allergies of their child*
- *Education and awareness at all educational levels for students, staff and parents*
- *“Nut-free” lunch tables with specialized training to noon duty staff*
- *Limitation of food in the classrooms*
- *Collaboration with the school lunch program while in support of safe food choices*
- *Reinforcement of proper handwashing before and after recess and lunch*
- *Specific Care Plans/Emergency Action Plans and 504 plans as needed*
- *Equipping every school with non-designated emergency Epi-Pens*

***Legal References:***

*Ed Code 234.1 Prohibition against discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying*

*Ed Code 49408 Emergency Treatment*

*Ed Code 49414 Emergency epinephrine auto-injectors*

*CR 600-611 Administering medication to students*

*US Code, Title 20 1400 – 1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

***Policy Adopted:***

***Administrative Regulation***