



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