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The District is dedicated to fostering the health, nutrition and well-being of students. The District will take all appropriate and reasonable steps to minimize exposure and provide a safe, positive educational environment for students with life-threatening allergies. For students with chronic health conditions requiring special dietary needs, such as food allergies, the teaching and fostering of self-management skills is crucial to optimizing health and social normalcy.

#### Food Allergies

It is the policy of the District to provide a 'food allergy aware' environment for a student with a known food allergy, without banning the food product at school. Structural supports and protocols, which establish best practices for children with food allergies, will be followed. This includes instruction and education to improve personal food allergy management skills in the confines of a 'food allergy aware' school.

If a student has special dietary needs, the School Nutrition Department will make dietary substitutions in accordance with applicable provisions of USDA regulations when supported by a written statement from a licensed physician.

#### Latex Sensitivity

The District acknowledges its responsibility to reduce, to a reasonably practicable extent, the exposure of its students, employees and visitors to latex protein in the school environment. This will reduce the likelihood of presenting latex allergy symptoms through exposure to latex containing materials. The purpose of this latex sensitive policy is to avoid the severe, life threatening allergic reaction to latex while in the school setting.

No latex balloons will be allowed in the school at any time including all school activities. Supplies such as gloves, band aids, stethoscope covers, blood pressure kits, first aid kits and any other nursing or cleaning supplies purchased by the district will be latex free.

The District cannot guarantee an allergy free environment. Each student's allergy and situation is different, an individualized plan of action may be created for some students. The diagnosis of allergy with a risk of anaphylactic reaction is made on the basis of the student's history. Employees and volunteers will be educated on how to respond to life-threatening reactions.