

Students**Welfare****Life Threatening Allergy Management**

The Board of the Watertown Unified School District is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for students. The Board of Education understands the increasing prevalence of life threatening allergies among students. Recognizing that the risk of accidental exposure to allergens can be reduced in the school setting, the District is committed to working cooperatively with students, parents, staff, and physicians to minimize the risks and provide a safe educational environment. The focus of allergy management will be on prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response. Although the District recognizes that it cannot guarantee an allergy free environment, it will take the necessary steps to protect the health and safety of an individual student with a food allergy, to minimize risks, and to provide emergency procedures when necessary.

The District will define a formal process for identifying and managing care for students with life threatening allergies in the District. This process shall be outlined in the Guidelines for Managing Life Threatening Allergies.

The District will maintain and protect the safety of students who have life threatening allergies in ways that are developmentally appropriate, promote self-advocacy and competence in self-care and provide appropriate educational opportunities. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to alert the District of any life threatening allergies.

The District will ensure the interventions and individual health care plans for students with life threatening allergies are based on medical orders and recommendations and evidence-based practices.

Legal Reference:

- Wisconsin Statute – 118.29**
- Wisconsin Statute – 118.291**
- Wisconsin Statute – 118.292**
- Wisconsin Statute – 115 Subchapter V**
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**
- Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008**
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**
- USDA Regulation 7CFR Part 15b**

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