An estimated eight percent (approximately two million) of children in the United States are affected by one or more food allergies. With a true food allergy, an individual's immune system over-reacts to a food that is usually harmless. This response by the immune system can be life-threatening within a matter of minutes.

IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENTS WITH SEVERE-FOOD ALLERGIES

- Each student with a reported severe food allergy is required to have an Emergency Health Care Plan (EHCP) completed by his/her physician and parents annually.

- Provide physician documentation to the school nurse before the first day of the school and update annually.

- Students documented as having anaphylaxis responses to foods will have an Individualized Health Plan, Individualized Educational Plan, or 504 Plan.

- The school nurse will coordinate with the parents/guardians of the student to review the allergy and medical history (number of reactions, symptoms, treatments, hospitalizations), physician documentation/medical action plans, and the EHCP annually.

- Parents' written requests regarding meeting prior to the first day of school to develop an Individualized Health Plan and Emergency Health Care Plan will be honored.

Review the BISD Severe Food Allergy Management Plan (control click to access hyperlink)

Proper planning and implementation can minimize, and often eliminate, the risk of allergic exposure to food allergens. Parents, student, and campus staff can all contribute to minimizing the chance of a potentially serious reaction.

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