

FRONTIER REGIONAL/UNION#38 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Allergy Management Policy

The Frontier Regional and Union #38 School Districts are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all students, faculty and staff. The districts recognize the increasing prevalence of life threatening allergies (LTA) among the school population. To reduce the risk of accidental exposure to allergens in the school setting, Frontier Regional and Union #38 administration and staff will work in cooperation with parents, students, and physicians to minimize risks and provide a safe educational environment for all students.

Each school district will develop, implement, and annually review an allergy management plan as approved by the Principal and School Nurse.¹ These plans will focus on prevention, education, awareness, communication, and emergency procedures. Effective plans should include but not be limited to the following:

- Guidelines for a definitive medical diagnosis to be reviewed yearly.
- Guidelines for Individual Health Plans for all students.
- Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities among staff and administration.
- Annual education and training for teachers, assistants, nurses, cafeteria staff, custodial staff, coaches, and school bus drivers, substitute teachers.
- Guidelines for development and review of procedures that insure that school transitions (classroom to classroom, field trips, recess, etc.) reflect the safety needs of students with LTA.
- Guidelines for the preparation, use, and consumption of food during school hours and/or at school events. Food from home for shared consumption should adhere to these guidelines.
- Development of an emergency response protocol.
- Allergy awareness, education, and guidance for students, families, and the larger community.

¹The management plan will be developed using evidence based resource documents including [The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Guidelines on Managing Life Threatening Food Allergies in School.](#)

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