

# Renaissance Academy Charter School

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## Severe Food Allergies Procedures & Guidelines

The most important aspect of the management of students with life-threatening allergies is avoidance.

For students with food allergies:

1. Students should not share or trade food or eating utensils with others.
2. Students with food allergies may purchase lunch in the cafeteria but it is safest to pack and eat lunches from home.
3. Parents/Guardians of students with severe allergies will be referred to the School Lunch Coordinator for information on ingredients of foods served in the cafeteria so that parents/guardians may determine which foods are safe for their children to consume.
4. It is recommended that students with food allergies have snacks sent from home to eat in the event of a school celebration or special occasion. Snacks and treats brought in by others should not be eaten by students with food allergies until the food is cleared by his/her parents/guardians.
5. It is recommended that all students wash hands before and after eating.
6. An allergen-free table will be made available in the cafeteria when necessary. (The school cannot guarantee the absence of specific foods.)
7. Cafeteria tables will be cleaned after each lunch period.
8. Food consumption will not be allowed on school buses unless necessary (e.g., a student with diabetes).
9. The parent/guardian will provide the school with a completed Allergy Action Plan that includes parental permission and a physician order annually on or before the first day of school.
10. The parent/guardian will complete an allergy history annually on the Student Emergency Information form and will notify the school nurse of any changes in the student's health.

11. The parent/guardian will provide the school with necessary medications, such as Benadryl, or an Epinephrine Auto-Injector, to be used in the event of a severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis.
12. For safety reasons, the student may be excluded from school if the proper information and medication are not obtained from the parent/guardian as requested.
13. Students will be permitted to carry and self-administer an Epinephrine Auto-Injector in an emergency with physician and parent/guardian permission, if the student is deemed responsible by the parent/guardian, physician and school authorities and demonstrates to the school nurse the knowledge and ability to self-administer. Permission to carry the Epinephrine Auto-Injector may be rescinded if the student acts irresponsibly in caring for the Epinephrine Auto-Injector.
14. Necessary medications, including Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, will be taken on field trips.
15. Information and education regarding a student's allergy will be shared with appropriate school personnel.
16. Classmates will receive education about the allergy as deemed necessary and appropriate by the school nurse in collaboration with the parents/guardians.
17. Teasing, bullying or harassing of a student with a known allergy by other students will not be tolerated.
18. In an emergency, school personnel will accompany the child to the hospital.
19. A Section 504 Accommodation Plan will be created for individual students on an as needed basis.
20. For students with severe surface contact allergies, allergy-free classrooms will be provided when there is a medically documented need.