

## **STUDENTS WITH LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES**

The Arlington Public Schools recognizes that an increasing number of its students have life-threatening allergies (LTAs). The Arlington Public Schools cannot guarantee to provide an allergen-free environment for all students with life threatening allergies, or prevent any harm to students in emergencies. The goal is to minimize the risk of exposure to food allergens that pose a threat to those students, educate the community, and maintain and regularly update a system-wide protocol for responding to their needs.

The protocol will address how the Arlington Public Schools will identify children with LTAs, define ways that seek to protect them from exposure from allergens, train faculty and staff, prepare for emergencies and respond appropriately in the event of an emergency or accidental exposure to a life threatening allergen.

The school department will maintain an Allergy Action Plan (AAP) and or an Individual Health Care Plan for any student(s) whose parents/guardians and physician have informed the principal/nurse of the school in writing that the student has a potentially life-threatening allergy.

To the best of our ability, the school department will provide annual training for Arlington Public School employees regarding:

1. The most common allergens that cause life threatening allergies such as foods, medications, latex and stinging insects.
2. Ways to recognize symptoms of an allergic reaction; and
3. Steps to take in the event of an allergic reaction

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