

## **Students**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES AND GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASE MANAGEMENT**

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Per Policy 5516, Section V, a district-wide, multi-disciplinary team convened in May of 2015 to review and clarify sections of this policy. These regulations go into effect at the start of the 2015-16 school year, but are subject to revision at any time as the team will be meeting during 2015-16 to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of this Policy. These regulations are the direct result of recommendations from this Team, which consisted of district and school administrators, teachers, parents and students (some of whom have life-threatening allergies referenced in the policy).

As of the date of these regulations, no cleaning wipe has been identified, and approved by the Town of Fairfield Health Department, that is 1) proven effective at removing peanut/tree nut allergens and 2) safe for student use on a daily basis for 182 school days. After a substantial amount of research by the Town of Fairfield Health Department, in consultation with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, we have found that wipes effective at removing allergens contain harmful ingredients such as alcohol. Until such time as a wipe that meets both of these criteria can be identified and endorsed by the Town of Fairfield Health Department, the following interim measures are to be followed.

Where practical, elementary students will wash hands with soap and water after snack. However, if the availability of hand-washing facilities is such that there would be, in the judgment of the teacher, a substantial loss of instructional time, students' hands may be cleaned with the district-approved hand sanitizer available in each classroom. A bottle of "green" cleaning solution and paper towels will be used to clean student desks after snack. At the secondary schools, a bottle of "green" cleaning solution and paper towels will be used and students will be allowed to wash their hands after eating.

At the elementary level, if a student brings in an obviously non-compliant snack, then the teacher must ensure that the student is eating in a space removed from other students, and use the incident as a "teachable moment" with the student. The teacher will reach out to the parent about the non-compliant snack. After repeated contact by the teacher to the parent, the school's principal will send a letter to the parent and/or meet with the parent at school.

At the secondary level, students may be in possession of food containing peanuts or tree nuts, kept in a backpack or similar item, provided that such food is not consumed in the classroom or spaces designated as food-free by this Policy.

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At the secondary level, the teacher is the first line of compliance. If a student is not compliant after a warning from a teacher, then the student is referred to the dean or administration for discipline consistent with the school's Code of Conduct. Such student would be required to wash hands and use the "green cleaner" for the desk. Repeat offenders will be subject to further discipline and parents will be informed if the non-compliance reaches the level where school discipline is required.

Teachers will be encouraged to eat in the cafeteria or faculty-only space. "Green" cleaning solution will be available in these areas.

The high school Family and Consumer Science program is excepted from the peanut/tree nut prohibition, because 1) such ingredients are integral to the departmental curriculum as approved by the Fairfield Board of Education and 2) staff have successfully undertaken extra precautions to ensure that students with life-threatening allergies successfully access these courses.

For all school-sponsored events, where food is being supplied by the school or purchased by students, the food should be supplied by Whitson's, per its contract with the Fairfield Board of Education.

Each school will develop a way of training substitute teachers and student teachers about this policy.

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