Life Threatening Food Allergy

Rio Rancho Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for students. The Rio Rancho Board of Education understands the increasing prevalence of life threatening allergies among school populations. Recognizing that the risk of accidental exposure to life threatening allergens can be reduced in the school setting, Rio Rancho Public Schools is committed to working in cooperation with parents, students, and treatment providers, to minimize risks and promote a safe educational environment for all students. The focus of allergy management will be on prevention, education, awareness, communication and emergency response.

The objectives for allergy management are:

1. Developing a formal process and guidelines for identifying and managing continuity of care for students diagnosed with life-threatening allergies across all school transitions (PreK-12). The Nurse Coordinator, under the direction of the Executive Director for Student Services for the District, is authorized to develop guidelines and procedures for approval by the Superintendent or designee, addressing the management of life-threatening allergies at all District schools.

2. Promoting the health and safety of children who have life-threatening allergies in ways that are developmentally appropriate, supporting self-advocacy and competence in self-care and providing appropriate educational opportunities.

3. Confirming that interventions and individual health care plans for students with life-threatening allergies are based on the Treatment Provider’s information.

In accordance with applicable law, it is the policy of the district to provide all students, through reasonable accommodations where required, the opportunity to participate in school programs and activities. The district nurse coordinator shall review and update the district’s management plan annually, or as necessary.

Rio Rancho Public Schools
Adopted: December 8, 2014