INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #877 POLICY

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose

INDEX TITLE	Students	**SERIES NO.**	5000
POLICY TITLE	Students with Food Allergies/ Special Dietary Needs	**CODE NO.**	550

The Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District is dedicated to fostering the health, nutrition, and well-being of students with food allergies by providing education and a supportive community. For anyone living with health conditions requiring special dietary needs such as food allergies, the teaching and fostering of self-management skills is crucial to optimizing health and social normalcy.

Since schools cannot guarantee a food safe environment, upon request the school district will take measures to minimize the risk of an exposure, as well as educate select employees and volunteers to respond appropriately to life-threatening reactions.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District to provide a "food allergy aware" environment for a student with a known food allergy, without banning the food product at school. Structural supports and protocols, which establish best practices for child with food allergies, will be followed. This includes instruction and education to improve personal food allergy management skills in the confines of a "food allergy aware" school. In addition, the school will develop an accommodation plan as warranted.

If a student has special dietary needs, the Nutrition Services Department will make dietary substitutions in accordance with applicable provisions of the USDA regulations found in 7CFR part 15b, when supported by a written statement from a licensed physician.

Statutory References: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of
USDA Regulations, 7CFR Part 15b

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