


HOWARD GARDNER MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

	Students/Families	SF20-0203
	Allergy	ADOPTED DATE: February 18, 2020 REVIEWED DATE: REVISED DATE:

All staff at Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence charter school (HGMICS) play a role in ensuring the health and safety of students with chronic conditions, such as allergies. Parents of students with allergies must notify the school nurse about their child's condition at the start of school and throughout the year when needed. The school Operation Coordinator is responsible for collecting and disseminating the relevant information related to students with allergies, developing an allergy management plan, advising and training staff.

The school has daily responsibility to ensure that the student's management plan is followed in the case of food allergies, Food Service personnel are informed of those foods that must be monitored or eliminated. Additionally, an adjustment must be made when planning classroom activities and school celebrations to ensure the health and safety of the students with allergies.

1. The parent of any child with a school allergy is required to have an allergy action plan on file in the medical room. This form is to be completed and signed by both the parents and the child's physician.
2. Medicines to treat allergies must be provided to the school nurse by the parents at the beginning of the academic year. All medicines must be in their original containers and be clearly labeled with the child's name. These medicines must be hand-carried into the school by the parent and cannot be sent in with the student. Medicines to treat any acute allergic reactions are to be kept in the medical room or on the student if permitted.
3. Parents must also have the form(s) completed by their physician giving permission to administer these medicines. **Forms need to be brought to school on the first day of the school year with the student. These forms are available on the school website.**
4. If the nurse is not present, she may designate other personnel who will be trained to administer these medicines in her absence.
5. Some older children may be allowed to self-carry these medicines. The parent, physician, and school nurse must all agree that the student is responsible enough to do this.
***These medications are to always be carried on the student's person in a fanny pack type device.**
6. When a child leaves the building for a field trip or traveling with their class on school property the meds will travel with the student, and the responsible adult familiar with the administration of these meds will be present. **IF THEY DON'T HAVE MEDICATION, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON TRIP.**

If the allergy is a food allergy the child's teacher(s) and food service will be made aware of this food allergy. The teacher will make classmates and parents aware of this allergy. Classroom snacks and treats for celebrations should

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not contain the allergen in question to avoid the affected student feeling left out of events going on in the classroom.

1. Snacks and treats sent in by parents should be pre-wrapped with ingredients clearly listed on the label.
2. A peanut-free table will be available in the cafeteria for children with peanut allergies. If a parent chooses to opt-out of this, **a waiver must be signed and kept on file at the school.**
3. Due to the dangers of late-stage Anaphylaxis, anytime injectable Epinephrine is given an ambulance will be called and the student will be transported to the emergency room.