

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Child Nutrition Services

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MISD Allergen Protocol

The Child Nutrition Services (CNS) aims to serve healthy and safe food to all of our students. In order to keep our students safe, we have developed an allergen protocol in accordance with Texas Department of State Health Services.

The Commissioner of the Texas DSHS developed the Guidelines for the Care of Students with Food Allergies At-Risk for Anaphylaxis for use by local boards of trustees of school districts and governing bodies of open-enrollment charter schools. These guidelines are meant to serve merely as a reference to guide and are intended to assist a district or charter school in developing and administering a policy for the care of students with diagnosed food allergies at risk for anaphylaxis. (Link(s) to Guidelines Below)

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/schoolhealth/allergiesandanaphylaxis/

https://www.dshs.texas.gov/uploadedFiles/Content/Prevention_and_Preparedness/schoolheal th/SHAC/Guidelines-Food%20Allergy-Final.pdf

Reporting Allergens

Under the National School Lunch Program Act, Child Nutrition Services is required to adhere to specific regulations to accommodate special diets for students enrolled in Midland ISD.

Children with food allergies or intolerances (generally) do not have a disability as defined in any of the acts or laws, but child nutrition services will work one-on-one is most cases to make suitable food substitutions for all students enrolled at Midland ISD. When food allergies result in severe, life-threatening (anaphylactic) reactions, the child's condition would meet the definition of "disability" and the substitutions prescribed by a recognized medical authority must be made.

If your child has a food allergy, you must notify the school of the allergy and provide written documentation from a licensed physician with the type of food allergy and specific substitutions needed. All food allergy documentation must be updated yearly. The *MISD Medical Statement Form* can be found on the Child Nutrition Service's website linked below.

https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=2410131900344813&page=parents tudentteacher

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