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## <u>Kankakee School District #111</u> <u>Life-Threatening Food Allergies Instruction Form</u>

Review the Emergency Registration Card (Form F-32) completed by the parent/guardian at the time of registration.

If there is an allergy listed on the form on the line for Special Health Condition \_\_\_\_\_, the secretary should ask the parent if the allergy is life threatening.

If the allergy is life threatening, the secretary should give the parent:

- The District parent letter concerning Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act
- Te Physician Statement for Food Substitution to be completed by their doctor
- The Allergy History Form to be completed by the parent/guardian and includes the Illinois Food Emergency Action Plan and Treatment Authorization Form.

The parent should be given instructions to have the Physician Statement and Allergy History Form which includes the Illinois Food Emergency Action Plan and Treatment Authorization Form completed and returned to the school immediately.

Once the forms are returned to the school, a meeting should be set up immediately with the Parent/Guardian, Student's Teacher(s), District Nurse, School Head Cook, and the Dietitian from the Food Service Department so that an Action Plan can be put together for the child. It is important that each school follow up with the parent/guardian to make sure the necessary paperwork is collected and a plan implemented before the first meal is served.

Additional Training should be provided to the Staff that may come in contact with the child including the lunchroom staff, bus driver (notify First Student central office), playground supervisor, and custodian.

A letter should be sent home to other parents in the child's classroom explaining the allergy with instructions for the parent to share with their child.

The Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health has defined Life-Threatening Food Allergy as a term used for food allergy throughout the Illinois School Guidelines for Managing Life-threatening Food Allergies. This term underscores the risk of a life-threatening reaction in any student who as a food allergy. Currently, there are no tests available that would accurately indicate the risk for any food allergic individual for a life-threatening reaction. Due to this lack of testing and life-saving nature of prompt recognition and treatment, all students should be treated as if their food allergy is life-threatening.

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