ALLERGY POLICY

Help for non-English speakers
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PURPOSE

An Allergy occurs when a person's immune system reacts to substances in the environment that are harmless for most people. These substances are known as allergens and are found in foods, insects, some medicines, house dust mites, pets, and pollen.

This policy applies to a student with a diagnosed food, insect or medication allergy who has a mild to moderate allergic reaction to an allergen. A student with a known food or insect sting allergy who has had a previous severe reaction is usually diagnosed as being at risk of having a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). See Related policies, Anaphylaxis.

Students with allergies who are not considered to have anaphylaxis should be provided with an ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions (green plan).

Students with concomitant food allergy and significant asthma are at increased risk for more severe allergic reactions. Where a child with food allergy has active asthma (wheeze or cough with exertion or at night requiring regular treatment with a bro