

The Healdsburg School

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Allergy to nuts is a potentially life-threatening condition. Students and school personnel with this type of allergy are high-risk anaphylaxis candidates. It is critical that an immediate and appropriate response be made. Failure to act in a timely manner can result in varying degrees of adverse medical emergency situations. Students with a known allergy shall have a written Individual Health Care Plan and Medication Administration Plan that adhere to The Healdsburg School's policies on Medication Administration, delegation of medication for field trips and special short-term school events, epinephrine by auto-injector administration and anaphylaxis. Additional measures for a student with a nut allergy must be incorporated into the general Anaphylaxis Policy and Procedure.

They are the following:

1. A conference with a parent or legal guardian to discuss the specifics of the allergic condition. This information shall be gathered to formulate the Individual Health Care Plan as well as Medication Administration Plan. These plans shall include provisions for safety during any school related activities that extend beyond the school day. It is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to notify the school as to which activities are chosen for participation. During this conference, the necessary medical forms shall be reviewed.

2. Parents and legal guardians shall be requested to be sensitive to this issue and not send nut products to the school.