



The Birches Academy of Academics and Art Food Allergy Guidelines

The Birches Academy of Academics and Art and its administrators, teachers and staff are committed to providing a safe environment for our children. The risk of life-threatening allergies and the accidental exposure to allergens is prevalent among the school-aged population.

In 2011, Congress passed the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act to improve food safety in the United States by shifting the focus from response to prevention. In response, the Centers for Disease Control, in consultation with the US Department of Education, developed the Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies in Schools and Early Care and Education Programs.

The Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies are intended to support implementation of food allergy management and prevention plans and practices in schools and Early Care and Education (ECE) programs. These provide practical information, planning steps, and strategies for reducing allergic reactions and responding to life-threatening reactions to parents, district administrators, school administrators and staff, and ECE program administrators and staff.

At The Birches Academy of Academics and Art, it is our goal to minimize the risk of exposure to food allergens while maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all students. In accordance with the State of New Hampshire guidelines for managing food allergies and title XV Education Section 200:44, the Board of Trustees provides these informational guidelines that are intended to reduce the risk of exposure to potentially life-threatening food allergens and the response to potentially life-threatening reactions.

Parent's responsibility includes:

- Prior to the start of every school year, provide the school with documentation detailing the known allergies of their children and medication, if needed.

Priorities for The Birches Academy include:

- To ensure the daily management of food allergies in individual students.
- To be prepared for food allergy emergencies.
- To provide professional development on food allergies for staff members.
- To educate children and family members about food allergies.
- To create and maintain a healthy and safe educational environment.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/foodallergies/pdf/13_243135_A_Food_Allergy_Web_508.pdf

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