

## FOOD ALLERGIES

Albemarle County Public Schools is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all students regardless of health conditions or disabilities. Based on guidance from the Health Care Advisory Board, Albemarle County Public Schools will not prohibit any foods from being brought to or served in our schools but rather will develop plans that create allergen and/or allergen-free zones in specific classrooms and specific tables in the cafeteria.

Once notified by parents of students with food allergies, the school will request a Food Allergy Action Plan from the student's physician indicating the foods to which the student is allergic and measures to take if exposure occurs. Parents are responsible for providing the school with the necessary medications and authorizations.

The school will make modifications to reduce the likelihood of accidental exposure as specifically prescribed by the student's physician, or recommended by professional organizations such as the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, the American Academy of Pediatrics (see [Recommendations for Schools](#)) and the National Association of School Nurses, and in keeping with the guidance of ACPS's School Health Advisory Board.

Students may self-carry and self-administer an epinephrine autoinjector if the appropriate conditions are met (see policy [JHCD](#)).

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Cross Refs.: JHCD, *Administering Medicines to Students*