

Food Allergy Guidelines

The purpose of these guidelines is to establish a safe environment for students with food allergies within the Gananda Central School District. All New York State policies, procedures and medication orders (for school settings) must be followed for students with food allergies as well.

1. Each school has stock Epinephrine and Diphenhydramine HCl in the Health Office, however, the parent is still responsible for providing medication for their child that has an anaphylactic reaction.
2. FERPA guidelines must always be followed when sharing any medical information for a student. Only information that is pertinent to the child's well-being in school should be shared and only with the appropriate staff members.
3. Medication guidelines set by NYS should be followed
4. If a student has a nut allergy in a particular classroom, no nut products may be brought into that classroom.
5. No homemade food for sharing (cakes, cookies, etc.) in classroom with student who has a food allergy.
6. In the cafeteria, a nut free table shall be established. NO nuts/nut oil products at this table.
7. Maintenance will be responsible for cleaning the nut free table. This will be done with a separate cloth and bucket specifically used for the nut free table and chairs. This must be done after each lunch period.
8. Food Services will be made aware of any child with a food/nut allergy. It will be their responsibility to monitor what items the student takes for breakfast and lunch daily. It will also be their responsibility to share this information with the other schools should evacuation to other school take place.
9. The nurse will notify the Transportation Department of students needing Epi Pens. It is the parents' responsibility to provide the Transportation Department with an Epi Pen for use in case of an anaphylactic reaction. The Epi Pen with the Transportation Department is to be maintained and properly cared for by the Transportation Department.
10. Bus drivers will all be taught how to use the Epi Pen and the proper procedures to follow should an emergency occur on the bus. This training will be taught by a registered nurse as needed.
11. An Emergency Action Plan is expected along with a doctor's order for an Epi Pen to be used in case of anaphylaxis, these should be provided by the parent from the physician.
12. It is the parents' responsibility to provide the Health Office with an Epi Pen to use for anaphylactic reaction. The medication must be in the original packaging with the student's name on it. Should no medication be available, the Health Office may have Epinephrine for emergency use. (However, this is not guaranteed)
13. Students with Epi Pens will have their medication sent on field trips with them.
14. Teachers and staff who are willing to learn will be taught how to use the Epi Pen by the school nurse. A record of those teachers and staff will be maintained by the school health office.

Training for unlicensed school personnel can be found as a [webinar](https://www.schoolhealthny.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceId=300&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-a8b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=493&PageID=178) with pre and post testing at: <https://www.schoolhealthny.com/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceId=300&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-a8b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=493&PageID=178>