

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Related Entries:** EB, EB-RA, JECA, JECA-RA

**Responsible Office:** DIVISION OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

### STUDENTS WITH A KNOWN FOOD ALLERGY

#### A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy to implement a coordinated approach with medical professionals for the management of food allergies in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS).

#### B. ISSUE

Some students with food allergies face health challenges that can also impact their ability to learn as well as their social and emotional development. In some instances, food allergies can be life threatening. Planning is an essential part of the care for students with a known food allergy. Accordingly, it is important for AACPS to implement measures to help keep students with a known food allergy safe.

#### C. POSITION

1. The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) is committed to providing a safe and nurturing school environment for students.
2. The Board is committed to promoting food allergy awareness and minimizing the potential for exposure of food allergens to students with a known food allergy.
3. The Board supports a coordinated approach for the management of food allergies in the school environment to reduce the risk of food allergy related complications in students.
4. The Board supports the inclusion of strategies and procedures to address food allergies in the comprehensive school plan.
5. The Board supports training in allergen exposure risk reduction as well as the recognition of signs and symptoms of allergic and anaphylactic reactions.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

*Policy History:* Adopted 01/19/22

*Note Previous Policy History:* None

*Legal References:* Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Sections 7-401, 7-426, and 7-426.1 of the Education Article