

## **XCS Food Allergy Policy**

Xenos Christian Schools recognizes that food allergies in some instances may be severe and even life threatening. The Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.719, requires chartered nonpublic schools to establish a written policy with respect to protecting students with peanut or other food allergies. Below is a policy intended to establish a framework for accommodating students with food allergies and to reduce the likelihood of allergic reactions of students with documented food allergies during the school day.

### **Parent/guardian and student responsibilities**

1. Parents and guardians of students with allergies shall:
  - a. Notify the school principal or nurse when they become aware that their student has a food allergy and at the beginning of each school year thereafter. The notice shall include a healthcare provider-documented allergy and diet modification order as necessary;
  - b. Provide the school with prescribed emergency medications;
  - c. Execute medication authorization form, and/or permission to carry out and self-administer epinephrine auto-injector (epi-pen) form, as well as the following documentation, as appropriate:
    - i. Food allergy action plan
    - ii. Anaphylaxis emergency action plan;
    - iii. Diet order
2. Parents and guardians will be responsible for educating their students about allergy management at school. Allergy management and education includes, without limitation, identification of “safe foods” and discussing the vigilance required to self-monitor food products available to be eaten during the school day.

### **School responsibilities**

1. The school will cooperate in the development of a food allergy action plan for students with documented food allergies. The food allergy action plan will address the actions to be taken to reduce exposure at school, and what actions will be taken in the event of exposure. The plan shall be developed through consultation with the school nurse, parents or guardians of the student and the student’s health care provider. The plan will be effective for the school year in which it is developed and shall be reviewed and, if necessary, revised at the start of each following school year.
2. With parental consent, the school will share the food allergy action plan with appropriate school staff.
3. At least one school staff member who has received instruction in the recognition of food allergy reactions will be present when students are eating food during the school lunch period.