

MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Life-Threatening Allergy Policy

It is the policy of the Masconomet Regional School Committee to set age-appropriate guidelines for all students that minimize the risk for students with life-threatening allergies (LTA) to be exposed to existing offending allergens that may trigger a life-threatening reaction. Such guidelines shall include: building based general medical emergency plans, life-threatening food allergy emergency plans, individual healthcare plans for all students diagnosed with LTA, appropriate training of staff, availability on site of medical equipment for quick response to life-threatening allergic reactions, and other such guidelines that will ensure that students with LTA can participate fully in school activities without undue fear of harm from exposure to life-threatening food allergens.

It is the School Committee's expectation that specific building-based guidelines/actions will take into account the health needs and well-being of all students without discrimination or isolation of any student. It is the School Committee's belief that education and open and informative communication are vital for the creation of an environment with reduced risks for all students and their families. In order to assist students with LTA to assume more individual responsibility for maintaining their safety as they grow, it is the policy of the School Committee that the guidelines shift as students advance through primary grades and secondary school. The Superintendent shall ensure that the guidelines are reviewed at least annually by the School Health Advisory Council and the School Committee will be notified of any substantial recommended changes.