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Westfield Public Schools
Life Threatening Allergies (LTA) Policy

The Westfield Public Schools (WPS) understands and acknowledges that some students have life-threatening allergies.

The Westfield Public Schools are committed to minimizing both the risk of exposure to life-threatening allergens and the incidence of life-threatening allergic reactions in the school setting.

In order for the Westfield Public Schools to assist a student with life-threatening allergies appropriately, parents/guardians must notify the school nurse about the student's allergies and health issues and provide complete documentation of those allergies from the student's medical care provider. Based on the information provided by the student's parent/guardian and medical care provider, the school will develop a plan of care, and the school nurse will develop an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP). Parents/guardians, medical care provider and /or allergists are encouraged to provide recommendations in writing to the appropriate building nurse regarding the contents of an IHCP for any student has an life-threatening allergy. The Westfield Public Schools will maintain a system-wide response plan to address life-threatening allergic reactions.

In order to help students with life-threatening allergies develop lifelong skills in maintaining individual safety, the Westfield Public Schools guidelines pertaining to life-threatening allergies will shift as children advance through the primary, middle and high schools.

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