

# **FOOD ALLERGIES - CLASSROOM SAFETY**

## **Emergency Preparedness:**

- ◆ Ensure immediate access to emergency epinephrine (*MN Statute 121A.2205*)
- ◆ Know allergic symptoms & treatment protocols (*MN Statute 121A.2205*)
- ◆ Treat allergic reactions promptly! (*MN Statutes 121A.2205 and 604A.01*)

## **Prevention:**

- ◆ Wash hands before and after eating
- ◆ Serve safe snacks (have parents read labels)
- ◆ Eschew cross-contamination with other foods served or equipment & utensils used
- ◆ Avoid class projects with allergenic foods

## **Information:**

- ◆ Keep IHP or 504 information & emergency plan in visible, obvious place for teachers, staff & substitutes to quickly access
- ◆ Ensure annual or twice-annual emergency training for all staff
- ◆ Evaluate accommodations annually or more often as a student's needs change

## **AFAA School Resources:**

- ◆ 504/IHP guidance document for schools and parents
- ◆ staff in-service training and speakers
- ◆ lesson plans and presentations for elementary school-age classes

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