


Hot Topics in Food Allergies in School: A Panel Discussion

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Umbrella Challenges

- How do we keep students safe throughout their educational experience
- How do we keep students included in their educational experience
- How do we define the scope of the educational experience
- Audience Poll: District plans
- What are some laws currently in place that help guide these issues:
 - Federal
 - State
 - Proposed



#1: Foods used for celebration and rewards in the classroom

- Audience Poll: How many of you no longer allow this practice?
- Panel:
 - Why is this an issue?
 - Why is this such a challenge?
 - What is the rationale for supporting this practice?
 - What is the rationale for not supporting this practice?

#2: Serving or selling peanut, tree nut, or shellfish products

- Audience Poll: How many of your schools no longer serve these products?
- Panel:
 - What is the rationale for supporting this practice?
 - What is the rationale for not supporting this practice?
 - How does it impact student inclusion during lunchtime?

#3: Requiring bus companies to train drivers to recognize and treat anaphylaxis with student's epinephrine

- Audience Poll:
 - How many of your schools currently train bus drivers?
 - How many ensure each driver knows which students have a UFA on their bus?
- Panel:
 - What is the rationale for supporting this practice?
 - What is the rationale for not supporting this practice?

#4: The role of Benadryl in the management of anaphylaxis

- Audience Poll: How many of you have emergency allergy plans that order Benadryl prior to epinephrine?
- Panel:
 - What is the rationale for the use of Benadryl in the treatment of anaphylaxis?
 - Do you think school nurses would administer epinephrine unnecessarily if Benadryl was not a medication option on the student's emergency plan?
 - Is removing Benadryl from the school emergency allergy plan a reasonable option?

<https://www.aaaai.org/Aaai/media/MediaLibrary/PDF%20Documents/Libraries/Anaphylaxis-Emergency-Action-Plan.pdf>

#5: 504 Plans for students with LTFA

- Audience Poll:
 - How many of your schools routinely do 504 Plans for students with LTFA?
 - IHCP?
- Panel:
 - What is the rationale for supporting this practice?
 - What are the challenges?
 - How does the district allergy plan and IHCP impact the 504 process?
