

GLADEWATER ISD

Health Services



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The Gladewater ISD has developed an Allergy Action Plan that has the components of the legal requirements included within it. Please contact your school nurse before enrollment or at the start of the new school year, to obtain all the proper paper work needed that will help ensure the safety of your student with an allergy.

Gladewater ISD food allergy action plans will be individualized to all students who have food allergies. Once notified of the student's allergy, per a signed physician's order, a working partnership with students, parents, student's physician, school nurse and other Gladewater ISD personnel will be in place for the current school year. Food Service Managers will be able to flag the child's account through the point-of-sale system as a reminder of the student's allergy. While Gladewater ISD cannot guarantee an allergy-free environment at school, the district is committed to doing everything possible to ensure the safety of every child who has allergies.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction. The most dangerous symptoms include breathing difficulties, a drop in blood pressure or shock. Common examples of potentially life threatening allergies are those to foods or stinging insect. Other allergic reactions may also occur to medications, latex or while exercising. The emergency treatment is epinephrine, which is usually supplied in epi-pens. Gladewater ISD has developed guidelines to manage students with these life threatening allergies, so that they may safely participate in the educational process. The medication must be authorized by a physician or licensed health care provider.