

In accordance with the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Department of Health guidelines, Bradley County Schools will adhere to the following procedures for Life-Threatening Allergies:

- Every student with a documented diagnosis of a life-threatening allergy will have an **individual student health plan** (see sample forms).
- **Explicit training** on life-threatening allergies for all personnel involved will be completed **before school begins**.
- **Placement of the Epi-Pen** will be determined with parents/guardians.
- Bradley County School System will **not** serve peanut butter in the Child Nutrition Program.
- Students with life-threatening allergies will be provided an **allergen-friendly table maintained and properly cleaned** by cafeteria staff.
- Students with severe allergies will be **flagged** on the child nutrition registry.
- **“Be a Pal” letters** will be sent home to parents.
- Food allergy **warnings will be posted**.
- Nurses will maintain a **database of students with life-threatening allergies**.
- **Benadryl** will be available at each nurse station.
- **Communication devices** will be considered when the class is on the playground, etc.
- **Substitute teachers and bus drivers** will be made aware of students with life-threatening allergies and proper procedures.
- **Children are not to trade or share snacks or food**.
- Children will be encouraged to **practice hand-washing and self-advocacy**.
- Parents are encouraged to provide an **identification bracelet** for the student.
- Parents are to **bring only non-homemade, pre-packaged foods and must check in with the office** when bringing any food item into the school.
- Approved **response procedures** for life-threatening allergic reactions will be practiced. **This can mean life or death!**