

Food Allergy Guidelines

Date _____

Dear Parent / Guardian of _____

Thank you for notifying us of your child's food allergy. It is our goal to work in partnership with you so your child is safe and included in all educational activities. While we cannot eliminate the possibility of cross contamination with food allergens, we have put several provisions in place to help reduce the chances of your child coming into contact with their allergen. Please read through these standard provisions carefully. If your child requires additional individualized protections to keep him or her safe, please contact the school's health office.

Classroom:

- Your child's classroom will become an "Allergy Awareness Zone." This means that the teacher has been made aware of your child's food allergy as well as their treatment plan. Parents of students within your child's class will receive a notice at the beginning of the school year stating that there is a child in the class with a food allergy with the specific allergen listed. Your child's name WILL NOT be shared with other parents. This notice will advise parents to avoid sending in snacks and party treats containing the listed allergen. This is in effort to keep the allergen out of your child's classroom. However, we cannot guarantee that other parents will not send in food containing your child's allergen.
- Please provide your child's teacher with a bag of non-perishable snacks and / or party treats to be kept in the classroom. In the event homemade goods or other items your child cannot safely consume are brought into the classroom by parents or students for a class party, your child will be able to choose one of their favorite treats from their treat bag.

Cafeteria:

- It is preferred that your child bring lunch from home daily because there is always the possibility of cross contamination in the cafeteria.
- *If you choose to allow your child to purchase breakfast / lunch from the cafeteria, you must sign the included waiver and return it to your building's health office prior to your child purchasing food from school.*
- Within the cafeteria there is "Allergy Awareness" seating. This area is cleaned separately from the other tables in the cafeteria. We ask that your child eat in these designated areas. *If you choose to not have your child sit in these designated areas, please sign the included waiver and return to your building's health office.*

School Bus:

- Eating is not allowed on any school bus. If you have a concern and would like your child to sit in the front of the bus as an extra precaution, please contact the transportation department at 845-534-8009 x7108.

Field Trips:

- All food consumed on field trips should come from home. Your child’s teacher can advise you further about what you will need to provide for your child as field trips are scheduled. If you need assistance with providing food for your child due to financial reasons, please contact your building social worker.
- Trained school personnel are able to carry and administer a student’s Epinephrine on field trips to students who have a doctor’s order on file. Antihistamines such as Children’s Benadryl as well as all other prescription and over-the-counter medication must be administered by a nurse or a parent designee (parent designee may not include the teacher).

If you have any questions or need to discuss a more individualized health care plan, please contact your child’s school nurse:

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