

Nut-Aware School Food Policy

Purpose

To maintain a safe learning environment for all students—especially those with peanut or nut allergies—our school is committed to operating as a nut-aware academic campus. This policy outlines the expectations and procedures for providing food and beverages to students during the school day and at school-sponsored activities.

When a new youth is admitted to campus, the school nurse updates the allergy spreadsheet in TEAMS and PowerSchool to accurately reflect all student allergies to ensure all staff are aware of the allergy status of all youth.

1. Service Now Approval Requirements

If food or drink will be provided to students for any class activity, celebration, or event, staff must obtain prior approval from the Supervisor of the Educational Offices and Principal of their building to ensure all items meet nut and peanut-free requirements. If the food or beverage item is supplied by Food Services (The Great Hall), it must be requested through Service Now by the school staff within the appropriate time frames, approved by their designated supervisor and must not contain peanuts or nuts.

2. Outside Acceptable Food Sources

Pre-approval is needed from the above individuals prior to bringing in outside food of any kind to be shared with the classroom. All store-bought items should be in original packaging with visible ingredient lists. Homemade items are not permitted.

3. Prohibited Items

Foods containing any type of nuts are not allowed in the classrooms. This includes peanuts, peanut butter, peanut-derived ingredients, and any products with a peanut or tree nut allergen warning. Prepackaged items labeled '*contains peanuts/tree nuts*' are not permitted. Prepackaged items labeled '*may contain nuts*' or '*processed in a facility where nuts could be present*' are allowed.

4. Responsibilities

School staff must comply with this policy and notify Family Teachers when food will be served. Food Services must ensure all served items meet nut and peanut-free standards. This includes meals and snacks that are provided to youth team participants when they are at off-site sporting events and snacks offered at school sponsored activities on our campus. Peanut butter will continue to be offered as an alternative at lunch, but it is given directly to the youth by an adult who has been educated on which youth have food allergies. Food in the classrooms should not be used as an incentive or given to a youth without supervisor's approval. Items will only be offered to students during the requested times of the activity. Otherwise, food will need to be put away.