



PEANUT AND OTHER FOOD ALLERGIES

Important note: It is impossible to create an environment that is truly peanut, tree-nut, or allergen free. Creating the illusion that North Hills Christian School is free of allergens is misleading and potentially harmful. Therefore, the following policies have been established solely in an effort to increase communication awareness about allergens, and in an effort to reduce the possibility of exposure through direct consumption or cross contamination. Parents and staff members should adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) The school will designate specific areas as “No Peanut Zones.” Students who consume lunches containing peanuts, tree-nuts, or items from a facility that processes or packages these items should not consume lunches or snacks in the “No Peanut Zones.” These areas will include:
 - a. Classrooms in which there is a medically documented peanut allergy.
 - b. Designated lunch tables in lunch rooms.
- 2) In classrooms where there is a medically documented peanut or tree-nut allergy:
 - a. Food items consumed within the classroom (including lunch items, snacks, and classroom party foods) should be peanut and tree-nut free. Additionally, these items should not be from a facility that produces or packages peanut-containing foods.
 - b. Parents should avoid packing peanut or tree-nut containing food items for a child’s lunch and snack **if** the lunch or snack item will be consumed within the classroom environment. If the items will be consumed in the lunchroom, the student must be seated outside of the “No Peanut Zone.”
- 3) Students and parents of students with known, medically documented peanut allergies must:
 - a. Provide the school with medical documentation of a student’s peanut allergy.
 - b. Collaborate with the medical care provider, teachers (annually), and school administration to develop an emergency plan that will be followed in case an allergic reaction occurs.
 - c. As requested by the teachers and/or administration, provide alternate food items for their children when it is not practical to ensure that the allergy can reasonably be accommodated (i.e. some class field trips or parties).
 - d. Be aware that the school can make no guarantee or claim that items sold through the hot lunch program, vending machines, concessions, or at school events are free from allergens.