

Prince of Peace Christian School and Early Learning Center

Peanut Policy

POPCS recognizes that peanut allergies are potentially fatal. This policy helps to protect our students.

ELC - Prince of Peace Early Learning Center will be totally Peanut Free, to include all activities, shared food products and lunches provided from home for individual students. **Peanut Free restrictions will also apply to self-contained classrooms where eating takes place on a daily basis (such as preschool) if a severely allergic student is enrolled in that classroom.** Parents will be informed in writing if this is necessary.

Preschool through 12th Grade - will be "Peanut Free" for all SHARED food products. **Peanut Free restrictions will apply to self-contained classrooms where eating takes place on a daily basis (such as preschool) if a severely allergic student is enrolled in that classroom.** Parents will be informed in writing if this is necessary.

- All **shared** snacks that are brought into the school by parents will be required to be "Peanut Free". This will include such items as:
 - Classroom snacks that are **shared** with other students
 - Birthday snacks
 - Concession snacks
 - Afternoon snacks in The Zone and Summer in the Zone
 - Refreshments served at school events
- When a child is severely allergic to peanut products, peanut products will not be allowed in self-contained classrooms where eating takes place on a daily basis. This restriction will include: children's lunches, party items, snacks etc...
- School projects will be required to be "Peanut Free" At **no time** will a classroom use peanut butter or peanuts in any classroom activities.
- A "Peanut Free" lunch table will be established in the main lunchroom. Students with an allergy to peanuts can choose to sit in this area.
- Nurses will provide each classroom teacher, as well as The Zone program, with a roster that lists the allergies of all students in that class. Included in this roster will be the location of Epipens and/or medication need, should a reaction occurs. Younger ages (ELC –through 2nd grade) will have a poster in each classroom that will list the child's allergy, as well as display a picture of the child.
- Nurses will provide training to all teachers in the correct use of Epipens and what to look for visually when a student is having an allergic reaction.
- Teachers that have a child with a severe allergy will be required to carry the Epipens with them when leaving the classroom for recess, lunch, field trips, etc...
- Parents will be required to provide at least two Epipens: one for the classroom and one for the nurse's office. If a student is enrolled in the Zone after-school care, an additional Epipen will be required.
- In severe allergy cases, parents are encouraged to provide a snack from home to be 100% sure that cross contact contamination of a shared snack has not taken place.