

NUT-FREE RSS School Policy

There are students at Rising Star Sped Academy who have a life-threatening food allergy to peanuts and tree nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts, Brazil nuts, macadamia nuts, pine nuts, hazelnuts, etc.) Strict avoidance (not being around the food) is the only way to prevent life-threatening allergic reactions. We ask for your assistance in keeping these students safe.

If exposed to peanuts or tree nuts, by eating or touching them, the students may develop a life-threatening allergic reaction that might result in death. To reduce the risk and maintain safety for these children, Rising Star Sped Academy will become an allergen-safe zone.

Please do not send any products containing peanuts or tree nuts with your child at school. Many foods that you would not think contain peanuts or tree nuts actually do. The best way to determine whether or not the food contains peanuts or tree nuts is to carefully read both the ingredient labels to see if peanuts or tree nuts are a listed ingredient and the allergy alerts on the product packaging.

For example, the allergy alerts may read:

- may contain traces of peanuts/tree nuts
- produced on machinery that also processes peanuts/tree nuts
- produced in a facility that processes peanuts/tree nuts

While we know this is an extra step, your help is needed due to the seriousness of the consequences.

If your child has eaten peanuts or tree nuts before school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed with warm water and soap prior to coming to school. Soap and water is the best way to remove food residue from the hands.

In the event that any student brings an **allergen-containing snack, the teacher will take/confiscate it, send it to the office**, and replace it with a **"safe snack"** provided by the school. The school representative/designee will contact the parent of the student who brought in an unaccepted snack to request compliance with peanut/tree nut-free status in the school. At the end of the school hours, the teacher or classroom staff will drop by the office to return the confiscated food and send it back home with the student.

Please complete and return this form so we know every family has received this information. If you have any questions, please contact us at www.rssped.com.

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understood this letter and agree to do my part to keep the school safe for all students.

Child(ren)s Names: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Cell Phone: _____

