

Food Allergy Policy

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment to review our food allergy policy. There may be students in our schools with food/peanut/tree nut allergies. These allergies can be severe and life threatening. We are asking your assistance in providing a safe learning environment for all students.

If exposed to certain peanuts/nuts/or other foods, these students may develop a life threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. The greatest potential for exposure to peanut and nut products at school is during snack and lunch times. To reduce the risk of exposure, the following protocols have been assigned:

Convent School (Grades PS – K) (including the Extended Day program): Peanut/ tree nut aware. This means that NO peanut or tree products may be brought into the Convent School at any time.

Lower School (Grades 1-4): Peanut/tree nut products are not allowed to be eaten during snack times. To avoid cross contamination, lunch boxes will not be allowed into the classrooms. It may be easier for you and your child to pack their AM snack in a separate baggy and to avoid refrigerated items at this time. However, your child is welcome to enjoy peanut/tree nut products during lunch time. We have designated an “allergy aware” table where those with food allergies will sit. This will provide a safer environment in the classroom and lunchroom while allowing non allergic classmates to enjoy peanuts and nuts in a controlled environment. Children will use wipes to clean their hands and tables will be washed following lunch.

Convent and Lower Schools: Please read food labels carefully. If the label states, “made in a factory with” or “may contain” peanuts/tree nuts, it is considered a peanut product and may not be brought to school according to the above stated policies.

Middle School: All students are free to bring the snack/lunch item of choice. If your child consumes a peanut/tree nut product during snack, they will sit at a designated table/desk in the classroom which will be washed daily. During lunch, children with food allergies are asked to sit at the “food allergy” table. Students who eat peanut/ tree nut products will be asked to wash/wipe their hands.

***If your child has a food allergy and you would like them to sit at another table besides the “food allergy” table, please see form below.**

Classroom parties also pose a concern. The families of children with allergies will provide appropriate safe “special snacks” to be kept in the classroom. The school cannot guarantee that any food items sent from home will be nut free since many products contain “traces of peanuts and/are manufactured using the same equipment with peanuts”. Home baked goods are not allowed at IC schools. All food items must have a store manufactured food label.

Any student with food/peanut/nut allergies is required to have an Epi-pen and/or inhaler provided from home from his/her physician. ***Epi Pens will be kept unlocked in the office at the Convent School, the Nursing Office in the Lower School and the Front Office in the***

Middle School. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the bus driver and any after school program of allergies and to provide them with an Epi-pen or inhaler if necessary. Please instruct your child not to share snacks with others and not to eat on the bus.

We appreciate your compliance of these procedures. Please inform me if your child has a peanut, nut or any other allergy. Please feel free to contact our school nurse at 508-265-9872 or rresteghini@icschool.net.

Sincerely,

Robin Resteghini, BSN, RN

Please **sign and return** this form to Robin Resteghini, School Nurse.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

I have read and agree to follow the above stated food policy to ensure the safety of all students attending Immaculate Conception School.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

If your child has a food allergy and you would like him/her to be able to sit at a table other than the designated one, please complete below portion.

My child, _____ has permission to sit at another table, besides the designated food allergy table, in the lunch room.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date