

If your child has an allergy:

Upon enrolling your child, please ask to speak with the principal or school nurse regarding any allergies, symptoms, treatments, and medications that are pertinent to managing the allergy. With the assistance of the parent, building staff, and medical information an individualized health plan and building plan will be developed as needed.

How you can help?

- Wash hands when entering the building if you have been in contact with any peanut or other nut products during the day.
- Make sure that cold lunches and snacks brought into the building, DO NOT contain peanut or other nut products.
- Snack items brought to school should be in the original store packaging.
- Avoid bringing foods prepared at restaurants into the school building without permission from school administration.
- Please remember that our building is an allergy sensitive building for all activities and not just during the school day.

Suggested Snacks for SAFE School Use:

******(Always check product labels for peanut product or equipment handling warnings)

Air popped popcorn
Cheese
Barnum Animal Crackers
Cheese Nips
Crackers, Ritz or Saltine
Fruits and Vegetables
Fruit Gushers or Rollups
Fruit Juices (100% Natural)
Go-Gurt
Goldfish Crackers
Graham Crackers
Jello
Marshmallows
Popsicles
Poptarts
Snack Pudding Cups
Sugar Wafers
Sun Chips (Original/Cheddar)

CHECK FOOD LABELS FOR PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN NUT PRODUCTS OR CARRY A WARNING THAT THE FOOD WAS PROCESSED IN A FACILITY THAT USES PEANUT PRODUCTS. THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL!

ALLERGY SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND VISITORS

DENVER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

High School - 319.984.5639
Middle School - 319.984.6041
Elementary - 319.984.5611

Purpose:

An objective of Denver Community Schools is to provide every child with a safe and caring environment. This brochure will provide parents and school visitors with the information they need to help maintain a safe school setting for students with food allergies.

Rationale:

Whenever a student enrolls at Denver Elementary, Middle School, or High School with a health or educational problem, that situation is discussed and appropriate interventions are applied. For the time being, students have enrolled who have life-threatening peanut allergies. Even casual contact with any nut product may trigger a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction within seconds of exposure.

Policy:

Food products that contain or are prepared with peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil and all other types of nuts such as cashes, walnuts, pecans, etc., should not be brought to school in cold lunches or as snacks. It is required that the food items that are brought in lunches or for snacks be store bought and in the original packaging so staff may verify contents.

School Procedures to Maintain an Allergy Sensitive Environment

Food Service:

The Food Service Department at Denver, will daily serve breakfast and lunch menus that do not contain peanut or nut products.

Custodial:

The Custodial Department at Denver will:

- Provide cleaning supplies that have been tested for the ability to eliminate exposure.
- Adopt daily cleaning procedures for high use areas shared by all students.
- Will sanitize classrooms used by after school groups at the completion of each activity

Denver School Staff:

The Denver Community School Staff will:

- Monitor food items brought into the building that may cause severe reactions
- Implement hand washing procedures designed to prevent contact exposure with identified allergens
- Be trained on the proper procedures for identifying when and how to use and Epi-Pen and make emergency service notification
- Complete a safety plan checklist for all field trip activities
- Review each individual student health plan twice per year
- Will provide education in the classroom as needed to support safe practices and teach tolerance
- Provide necessary documentation to alert substitute teachers to allergy issue