

Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy

Nut-Free Policy

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Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy is an inclusive school where each child is valued. We want our students with food allergies to feel safe and invited, just as we want all families and students to know they are welcomed, no matter the ethnicity, background or diversity, or special need. This policy allows students with food allergies to enjoy time with their friends at lunch, without fear.

The school community of KCSMA has made a commitment to follow nut-free guidelines for the safety and health of all our students. Students, teachers, parents and visitors are expected to follow this policy to help make KCSMA a safe place for children who have food allergies.

If a classroom has a student with nut or tree nut allergies, this classroom and every classroom visited by the allergic student throughout the day, is designated a "nut-free" room. This includes but is not limited to art room, music room, science rooms, gymnasium, lunchroom and all laboratories.

What does Nut-Free Mean at KCSMA

NO

- Outside food with nuts
- Peanut butter
- Granola bars, snacks, candy
Or treats with nuts
- Packaged foods with labels
that read
"may contain traces of tree nuts"

YES

- * any sandwich that does not have nuts
- * soy butter, sun butter, any non-nut butters
- * packaged foods with labels that do not have nuts listed in ingredients
- * packaged foods with labels that read "produced in a facility where tree nuts may be present be present"

Nut-Free Classroom(s) School Responsibility

At the beginning of each school year parents will receive educational information about food allergies and the serious nature of this safety issue. This information will be redistributed at the beginning of the second semester.

Nut-Free policy will be posted on the school website and will be printed in the Staff and Parent Handbook. A paper copy of the policy will be provided during New Student Registration each year.

Allergy and Epi-pen training will be provided for staff members who work with a child with allergies.

An adult will always escort and supervise a child who might possibly be experiencing and allergic reaction.

Staff members will travel with student's Epi-pen when going outside or on fieldtrips.

Teachers are responsible for making visitors and substitute teachers aware of any allergies and how to access treatment/procedures.

If a student is transported by ambulance, the staff member most familiar with the student and the incident will accompany the student to the hospital and will be available to answer health care providers and parents' questions as it relates to the incident.

COMMON TREE NUT NAMES

Almond	Hazlenut	Beechnut	Brazil nut
Hickory Nut	Lychee nut	Bush nut	Butternut
Macadamia	Nangai nut	Cashew	Pecan
Chestnut	Pesto	Chinquapin nut	
Coconut	Pine nut	Filbert	Pistachio
Gainduja	Shea nut	Binko nut	Walnut

Almond paste and pralines, while not tree nuts, are comprised of tree nuts

Nut-Free Classroom(s) Parent Responsibilities

When a parent receives notification that their child's classroom is a Nut-Free Classroom:

1. Don't send nuts to school. Please do not send nuts, peanut butter or tree nuts in school lunches, for snacks, school events, parties or field trips.
2. Please check all labels on packages. Food labels can have tiny writing – please check and report nuts in the foods you find.
3. Parent/Guardian please sign the notification to acknowledge receipt and understanding.
4. **Students may not share food.** This rule is enforced at school, but we encourage parents to remind students to touch only what is on their plate or in their lunchbox.
5. If a student accidentally brings nuts/nut products to school after receiving notification that nuts are prohibited in students' classrooms the student will be seated away from classmates or others with nut allergies. The student will be directed to wash hands thoroughly after lunch, and school personnel will clean and disinfect the area where the student ate the food containing nuts. Parent will be notified by an administrator as a reminder not to send nut products to school.

*****Parents with students who have food allergies must always notify the school in writing. If the allergy is severe, please bring a physician's diagnosis and medical plan. The school requires an epi-pen be made available for the classroom and for the nurse's office if an epi-pen is part of the treatment plan. Students are encouraged to tell friends, teachers, child nutrition personnel, substitute teachers and anyone else with whom they spend time, about their specific food allergy.**