

Guardian Angels School

Food Allergies Policy

There are many children at Guardian Angels who have severe food allergies, including several with life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, pecans, etc.) To ensure the safety of all children at our school, Guardian Angels has instituted a food allergy policy that bans peanut and tree nut products from all classrooms. All food being brought into and potentially consumed in a classroom must be listed on the GA Safe Food List.

The policy applies to any and all food that enters the classroom threshold, including:

- Birthday treats;
- Classroom holiday parties;
- Treats brought in by classroom volunteers (parent readers, etc.);
- Treats brought in for special occasions (birth of a sibling, etc.);
- Food used in classroom activities;
- Food related to required events that are closely tied to curriculum (GA Medal reception, etc.)

Please note that any food that is sent to a classroom and determined as questionable or unsafe will not be distributed to the class.

In order to make things easier for parents, GA has identified a peanut/tree nut free safe snack list derived from snacksafely.com. These are the only items that are allowed to be brought into the school/classroom. This list is located on the GA web site. **To ensure the safety of our students, we ask that you reference this list when purchasing treats and snacks to be sent into a classroom.**

The GA food allergy policy does not apply to:

- Students' lunches
- Students' morning snacks
- Food distributed as part of extracurricular activities (after school sports, etc.)
- Food at voluntary, onsite special events (Penny Fair, Monster Mash, etc.)
- Food at voluntary, offsite school events (incoming class parties, etc.)
- Food sold for fundraising events (bagel sales, etc.)

Please be mindful of nut allergies in your child's class when sending in morning snacks for your child. If a nut allergy exists in your child's class, the teacher will enforce cleaning and handwashing protocols after snacks are eaten to ensure the safety of all children in the classroom.

Teachers will communicate to parents in advance of any situation that causes lunch to be eaten in a classroom. Additional safety measures will be taken in the classroom on these days to ensure the safety of students with nut allergies.

Additional accommodations for student food allergies outside of peanuts/tree nuts that are present in your child's classroom will be communicated to parents by the teacher.