

POLICY

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The Roseland School District has an obligation to ensure the safety of all students. There has been an increased number of students that have been medically diagnosed as anaphylactic to all types of “nuts.” Some of the allergies are so severe the consequences to some students are life threatening and require immediate intervention with medication or even hospitalization. In order to eliminate the possibility of such an occurrence, the Roseland Board of Education implemented a “Nut Free Policy” for the entire school beginning September 2008. All members of our school community are asked to adhere to the guidelines of this policy to ensure the safety of affected students.

What is the policy?

When preparing a snack for your child’s class or for a school activity, carefully read the food labels and avoid:

1. Any foods that contain peanuts or tree nuts
2. Any foods that have precautionary labels that the product may contain nuts
3. All baked goods made in bakeries where cross contamination is likely to occur.

What does this policy mean for you?

1. Snacks made at home are strictly prohibited.
2. Baked goods whose labels specifically state that they are made in a nut free facility are acceptable. Those not specified may not be brought into school. Products that have precautionary labels: “may contain nuts” or “processed on equipment that processes nuts” are strictly prohibited.
3. Labels can change as manufacturers reformulate their products so please read ingredient labels each and every time on any packaged food. Do not bring any item into school that contains nuts.
4. No baked goods from bakeries are permitted as cross contamination is likely to occur.
5. Peanut butter sandwiches are strictly prohibited in the school building. Please contact the school nurse for help with safe alternatives.
6. Ensure that your child’s face and hands have been washed after breakfast. This is not only important for those who eat peanut butter but also dairy products and eggs as contact from this residue can cause a reaction for the severely allergic.



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