



Peanut and Nut Policy

Cannon School is a Nut and Peanut Aware School. Providing a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors with food allergies must be observed by all constituents of the School in planning lessons, class activities, snacks, field trips and every aspect of the school day.

- Any foods brought in for special events, (e.g. birthdays, Multi Cultural Day, Greek Festival etc.), should not contain any form of nut as an ingredient. Additionally, an ingredient list should be provided and posted by the food prior to consumption. Please be aware that even with ingredient lists, Cannon School cannot guarantee the food item is without traces of peanuts or other nut/allergens. A parent/guardian may choose to not allow their student to eat foods brought into school by others, but an alternative snack should be provided by the parent/guardian and kept in the classroom.
- Students may continue to bring food items for snacks and lunches that contain nuts/nut products for their own consumption only.
- The School's cafeteria and Cougar Club concession stand will not serve in-house prepared food items that contain nuts or nut products, however, they may offer pre-packaged products that may contain nuts. These items will be labeled with a warning that the item contains nuts.
- Students will not be permitted to share food with their classmates.
- Cannon School will have a "Nut free" table in the lunch room where those with a nut allergy may sit during lunch. The "Nut free" table will be sanitized after each lunch group finishes lunch.
- All students will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating snack and lunch.
- Eating on the school buses is strongly discouraged except in the presence of a medical condition requiring emergency food intake (i.e. Diabetes).
- Emergency Action Plans will be sent out to parents/guardians of students with food allergies at the beginning of each school year. The parent/guardian is responsible for returning this plan to the school nurse. At this time, parents will share their desire to have their child sit at the "peanut free" table in lunch and whether there is a need to have lunch boxes kept separate in the classroom.

Please note foods that do not contain visible nuts may contain traces of nuts in other forms (ex. oils, flour, butter, and meal). It is imperative to read the labels of any foods that are brought into school to be shared with others. Manufacturers change packaging and processing frequently. Please read the ingredient labels of your snacks carefully before sending them to school.