



Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

With a new school year having just begun, I wanted to discuss the upcoming school year and the risk for food allergies. As our enrollment increases, so does the number of students with severe food allergies potentially being exposed to an allergen.

We wanted to remind you that **UT Tyler University Academy is NOT a Nut Free environment**. However, we will follow the Guidelines for the Care of Students with Food Allergies At-Risk for Anaphylaxis to implement Senate Bill 27 (82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session). With students bringing their own food from home, the potential for food allergens in the classroom is much higher. The links below are a good resource for choosing healthy, nut free snacks:

<http://snacksafely.com/tools-for-schools/>

<http://allergence.snacksafely.com/site/welcome>

We will continue to address food allergies on an individual basis and Parent Awareness letters will be sent out to families within classrooms that have students with food allergies. Information will also be posted in these classrooms for awareness purposes. The University Academy faculty and staff at large is committed to becoming educated in ways to support and assist students with food allergies. Awareness is our goal! **Please help us keep our students with food allergies safe. Reading food labels and abiding by any food restrictions listed for your child's classroom can prevent a life-threatening reaction!!**

Thank you,

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