

Food Allergy Policy

St. Michael's is an Allergy Aware campus. In the interest of safety, both the School and the students and their families have responsibilities as follows:

The School's Responsibilities:

1. The school does not serve peanut/tree nut products.
2. Children are not permitted to share food.
3. Lunchroom tables will be wiped down after each meal.
4. Each child with a known food allergy will have a Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan in the office and the classroom.
5. All prescribed emergency medications will be readily accessible at all times.
6. Faculty and staff will receive education on food allergies and anaphylaxis, including training in the recognition of allergic reactions and the administration of emergency epinephrine (EpiPens).
7. All faculty and staff will be made aware of which children have food allergies.
8. Emergency medications and Emergency Care Plans will accompany students on all field trips.
9. The school nurse is available to discuss food allergies and will review and update each student's Emergency Care Plan with the family at least annually.

The Families' Responsibilities:

1. Families of children with food allergies will provide a completed Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan to the school office.
2. The families of those children with food allergies will provide all proper medications for the child, including pharmacy labels on EpiPens and a picture of the child on the box.
3. ANY treats brought into the school or the classroom for sharing (i.e., class parties or birthday treats) must include a complete ingredient list. These treats should contain no nuts or nut products.
4. Families of children who require emergency epinephrine will provide clearly labeled, allergy-safe treats to be kept at school for birthdays, classroom celebrations, or other special events. Students will consume only food approved by their parent/guardian in accordance with their allergy management plan.
5. Families of children who require emergency epinephrine will provide clearly labeled, allergy-safe emergency food bars to be stored in the classroom for use during a school-wide lockdown.
6. Families will continue to educate and remind their children to eat only food provided or approved by their family.