

Severe Peanut Allergy

1. Adopt the Food Allergy Action Plan as recommended by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network for each student with a severe peanut allergy.
2. Adopt the **Be A Pal Hero** program as presented by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network.
3. All elementary schools shall establish peanut safe zones for students who have a potentially life-threatening severe allergy to peanuts. These peanut safe zones should include:
 - a) A place for the student to eat, either in the cafeteria or elsewhere where he/she will not come in contact with peanut products.
 - b) The classroom where foods containing peanut products are banned as snack items. Those elementary schools that do not currently have students with severe peanut allergies should plan where such zones will be in the event a new student with a severe peanut allergy is enrolled in the future.
4. In elementary schools, students who eat foods with peanut products and students who bring home lunches (which may knowingly or unknowingly contain peanut products) shall wash or wipe their hands before leaving the cafeteria in a manner sufficient to remove any peanut residue. **Note:** Wiping or washing hands is necessary to prevent spreading peanut residue on surfaces in the school, which can create a life-threatening situation for students with a peanut allergy.
5. Apply District 742's School Bus Safety Rule #6, which states: **No eating or drinking on the bus.** If exceptions to this rule are made for long field trips or for students with a medical need to eat (i.e., diabetes), teachers, advisors and coaches share the responsibility of knowing if students in their group have a life-threatening peanut allergy and in making accommodations for those students. Accommodations should include:
 - a) To prevent a student with a life-threatening peanut allergy from contacting peanut residue, a seat should be wiped down for the student prior to the student being seated.
 - b) A peanut safe zone should be created on the bus; for example, no peanut products or foods that might have hidden peanut content should be eaten in the seats surrounding the student. Certainly all students who eat foods containing peanut products should use a wipe to remove any peanut residues from their hands after eating. Ideally, all students

who eat should wipe their hands with a wipe because peanut is a hidden product in many food products.

c) If students eat and then board the bus, the same precautions listed in 5b should be taken.

6. Administration and staff shall act as an educational resource for parents and others.

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