

Vanguard Community School Peanut/Nut Friendly Policy

As of June 1, 2013, tree nuts and peanuts are excluded from the school site, based on the ingredient list of any food product that identifies peanuts or nuts as an ingredient. This includes all school-related activities and functions hosted within the school.

In response to a growing number of food sensitivities in our school community and in recognition of the severe consequences of a peanut/nut exposure to individuals, Vanguard Community School is implementing a plan to go peanut/nut free on the school premises. Adults and children need to be mindful of any products containing peanuts/nuts when preparing and bringing food onto the school site. The immediate impact of a peanut/nut exposure to an individual with an allergy can be life threatening and require medical intervention or hospitalization. The support of all school families and staff is appreciated.

Vanguard Community School Practices in response to peanut/nut allergies include:

1. Efforts to eliminate any peanut or tree nut content brought onto the school premises.
2. Washing of hands by everyone (staff, students, and visitors) upon entering the school building.
3. Daily cleaning of surfaces, door knobs and handles.
4. Training of all staff in the correct use of an epipen.
5. Providing education and awareness for members of the school community (children, parents, and staff) to support this policy.
6. Training of all staff in emergency response procedures related to anaphylactic reactions.

See also:

[AP 316 - Administering Medications and Medical Treatment to Students](#)

Resources:

[How to Use an EpiPen](#)