

Policy 504.49

Peanut and Tree Nut Allergies

Blue Hill Community Schools is committed to the safety and health of all students and employees. The district cannot promise that schools will be nut-free or allergy free. However, the purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students with food allergies;
- Reduce the likelihood of severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions;
- Protect the rights of food-allergic students to participate in all school activities.

For school-served meals, there will be no Peanut or Nut Derivative Products in any food items served or available in meals prepared or served by the District's Nutrition Services Department.

While we can assure our parents that peanut/nut derivative products will not be included in our school lunch menus, we cannot apply the same assurance to items served during after-school programs, athletic events, classroom celebrations, or field trips when the district's Hot Lunch Program does not supply the food products.

Student Handbook

TREATS/FOOD: Food Allergy Awareness

We encourage parents and parent groups to be mindful of peanut products when planning events where food will be served. We also ask parents to assist the school in the prevention, care, and management of their own child's food allergies and reactions. Parents are encouraged to foster independence on the part of their child, based on their developmental level, so that they can make wise choices about the foods they consume. To achieve this goal, parents are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Inform the school in writing of your child's allergies
- Provide medication orders from the licensed provider
- Provide an annual update on your child's allergy status
- Notify supervisors of before and after school activities and/or field trips regarding your child's allergy