

# Ockerman Elementary Site Based Policy 7.4

## Ockerman Elementary School Peanut/Nut Policy

Ockerman Elementary School recognizes the potential of a student developing a life-threatening allergic reaction to exposure to peanuts/nuts. In response to this threat to many of our students, we are taking appropriate steps to be a Peanut/Nut Safe School. The following are the steps we will follow at OES when it has been determined that a physician has diagnosed a student or students at OES with a peanut/nut allergy.

1. A letter to all families of the child(ren)'s classroom will be sent to educate and inform the parents of the allergy in the classroom. We will supply suggestions of different classroom snacks that are approved for all students in the classroom.
2. All school personnel having direct contact with said student(s) will receive training on recognition of symptoms and use of an Epi-Pen or any other emergency medication prescribed to the student(s).
3. A Peanut/Nut Safe table will be provided in the cafeteria for the student(s) that is located in the same proximity of the other students from his/her classroom. A single or standalone desk or table is not appropriate unless requested by the parent or physician.
4. Students in the classroom will wash their hands before entering the classroom at the beginning of the day and before returning to the classroom after lunch. Hand Sanitizer is not as effective as washing hands in order to eliminate the enzyme from the hands.
5. All classroom treats sent in will be Peanut/Nut Free. If not, the treat will not be served in the classroom. This policy will be brought to the attention of the parents of all students. (See letter from #1 above.)

Policy <sup>7.4</sup>~~2.9~~ of the Ockerman Elementary School Council's Policies was adopted on September 17, 2013 and signed by the following Council members:

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Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that a student in your child's classroom has a severe peanut/nut allergy. Strict avoidance of peanut/nut products is the only way to prevent a life threatening allergic reaction. We are asking your assistance in providing the student with a safe learning environment.

If exposed to peanuts/nuts, the student may develop a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. The greatest potential for exposure at school is due to peanut products and nut products. To reduce the risk of exposure, the classroom will be peanut/nut free. Please, do not send any peanut or tree nut containing products for your child to eat during snack in the classroom. Any exposure to peanuts or nuts, through contact or ingestion, can cause a severe reaction. If your child has eaten peanuts, peanut butter, or nuts prior to coming to school, please be sure your child's hands have been thoroughly washed prior to entering the school.

Since lunch is eaten in the cafeteria, your child may bring peanut butter, peanut, or nut products for lunch. In the cafeteria there will be a designated peanut-free table where any classmate without peanut or nut products can sit. If your child sits at this table with a peanut or nut product, she/he will be asked to move to another table. This plan will help to maintain safety in the classroom and cafeteria while allowing non-allergic classmates to enjoy peanut/nut products in a controlled environment. Following lunch, the children will wash their hands prior to going to recess (or returning to the class). The tables will be cleaned using the safety guidelines to minimize the risk of exposure.

We appreciate your support of these procedures. Please complete and return this form so that we are certain that every family has received this information. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mr. Loring

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I have read and understand the peanut/nut-free classroom procedures. I agree to do my part in keeping the classroom peanut and nut free.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_