

HARKER

PEANUT AND NUT POLICY

To Harker Families:

In an effort to address the needs of our students and staff, we monitor safety and health issues that may create concerns. We are committed to doing everything possible to protect our children from foreseeable harm.

It has come to our attention that there are several people at Harker, including some young children, who are severely allergic to peanuts. These allergic reactions vary between individuals and our new standards are based on the needs of the most extreme conditions.

After careful consideration we have decided to institute a strong policy aimed at reducing the chance of someone having a reaction from the exposure to peanuts.

The health and safety of all students is extremely important to us at Harker, and we will take reasonable steps available to help protect students from allergic reactions due to avoidable causes. Given the varied circumstances on each campus, however, it may be impossible to prevent exposure in all circumstances. It is therefore very important that you take reasonable precautions and also that you keep the School fully informed in the event your child has an allergy that could be triggered by such things as a particular food or a particular environmental condition.

It is imperative that you alert us of any allergy your child has even if you do not foresee potential exposure at school. At the beginning of each school year we distribute to all faculty and student-related staff a list of students who have alerted us as to their allergies.

Keeping community members safe is a responsibility shared by everyone involved at Harker and we are counting on your support.

The following important information appears in your student/parent handbook. We are repeating it here for your convenience:

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The Harker School food service staff will not serve peanut products of any type in any prepared or prepackaged foods. When serving other kinds of nuts, the nut will be visible to the consumer and the dish will be clearly marked at the point of collection.



We will not allow food containing peanuts or peanut by-products to be served at school events including class parties, club meetings, team gatherings, etc. The teacher or staff member supervising the event will be asked to make sure that this guideline is followed.

Harker parents, primarily those of lower school students, will be notified of the extreme danger connected with peanut allergies and are strongly encouraged not to use peanut products in food they provide for their own children for either snacks or lunch. Although sharing food may be unlikely, the chance does exist and we need to be cognizant of that fact.