

PEANUT BAN POLICY

Revision B

1. Purpose

Immanuel Christian School recognizes that some students are at risk to experience severe allergic reactions to common allergens. While we cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, we shall make every reasonable effort to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in the school.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Immanuel Christian School, including the bus ride, field trips and similar excursions.

3. Definitions

Anaphylaxis: a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction that affects multiple body systems resulting in breathing difficulty and a drop in blood pressure. Although peanuts are the most frequent allergen causing anaphylaxis in school aged children, other allergens, including eggs, milk, shellfish, soy, tree nuts, wheat, and bee stings can cause an anaphylactic reaction.

4. Accountability

Parents/guardians have the responsibility to provide their children with peanut free snacks when attending school and field trips. All other aspects of the policy will be implemented by the Principal at Immanuel Christian School.

5. Procedure

5.1 Peanut butter and any other peanut products are prohibited from the school and any school sponsored trips.

- Overnight trips are exempt if no student has a health concern.

5.2 It is important to make everyone involved in the school day aware of the life-threatening allergy, to reduce the risk of a tragedy from occurring. Measures include:

- Signs will be posted throughout the school that identifies the school as prohibiting peanut products.
- Parents will be provided with occasional reminders and peanut-free snack suggestions on a periodic basis.

5.3 Classes identified with students having a peanut allergy will receive special attention regarding the specifics of the allergy and the necessary food precautions.

5.4 As per the Allergic Reaction (Anaphylaxis Awareness) Policy, the parent/guardian will provide the school with the necessary information and medication.

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6. Reference Documents

N/A

7. Records/Forms Used

- General Health Questionnaire Form
- Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan Form
- Peanut and Nut Free Snacks List
- Student Health & Allergy Problem List