



ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian(s)

This letter is to inform you of our peanut safe practice which requests peanut/nut products **NOT** be allowed into academic areas of the building. There is an increase in the number of students who have severe allergies to foods. The greatest potential for exposure at school is to peanut and nut products. If exposed to peanut/nuts, a student with peanut/nut allergies may develop a life threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. Strict avoidance of peanut/nut products are the only way to prevent a life threatening allergic reaction. To reduce the risk of exposure, it is recommended that *all academic areas be peanut/nut safe*. Please do not send any peanut or nut containing products for your child to eat during snack in the classrooms.

Since lunch is eaten in the cafeteria, your child is allowed bring peanut butter, peanut, or nut products for lunch. The cafeteria has designated peanut-safe table(s) where any child without peanut/nut products may sit. If your child sits at this table with a peanut/nut product, your child will be asked to move to another table. Also, if your child has had a peanut/nut product to eat, they will be required to wash their hands with soap and water before returning to any academic area. This plan will help maintain safety in the lunchroom and classrooms while allowing non-allergic classmates to enjoy peanut/nut products in a controlled environment.

We are asking for your assistance in providing every student with a safe learning environment. Please refer to the section on "Life threatening Allergies and Other medical Concerns: Parent Responsibilities" in the student/parent handbook for further information.

Thank you, any concerns or questions contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Building Principal and School Nurse