

**GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRANBY, MA 01033**

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Dear Parent,

In the Granby Public Schools there are “X” number of children that we are aware of who have a potential life-threatening allergy to peanuts and/or nut products. This number has been increasing every year. An allergic reaction to peanuts and/or nut products can be so severe as to result in a child’s death. We, as a school system, are under legal obligation to provide a safe and healthy educational environment for these children. For that reason we have developed a school policy.

Beginning in September, 2003, we implemented a “peanut-safe” school policy, similar to other districts in our area, including Amherst, Belchertown, South Hadley and Ware. “Peanut-safe” means that the Granby Public Schools will no longer offer any peanut or nut products in their cafeterias. Instead we will be substituting other healthy, nutritious alternatives.

Although it is our policy not to serve peanut or nut products, we understand that some families rely on peanut butter as a nutritious, quick alternative for children’s lunches. Because of this you can still send your child to school with a peanut or nut product. However, to accommodate this, we will have designated peanut safe areas in the cafeterias. The child with a peanut and/or nut allergy will sit at a peanut safe table or section. If your child is not sure whether his lunch contains peanuts or nuts, we will have people monitoring the tables.

The classroom to which the allergic child is assigned will need to be “peanut safe” as well. For that reason, the teacher will be requesting that no peanut butter or nut snacks be sent in for the class; other alternatives will be suggested. (i.e. snack time, class parties).

We hope that these accommodations will minimize the risk of accidental exposure to the allergens for our food-allergic children and provide some peace-of-mind for all. You will be receiving more information about our new policy at Parents’ Night. Should you have any questions before then, please feel free to call the principal, _____ or the school nurse, _____ at 467-XXXX.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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