

## WCK Peanut / Allergy Policy

1. Just as our children are all different, so too are their allergies. With this in mind, WCK cannot guarantee an allergy free atmosphere.
2. We try to avoid nut-containing foods, however if your child has a food allergy, we require that you provide a separate snack for your child. You may send in several weeks worth of snack which we will hold in a labeled bin. On your co-op days you must provide a snack and beverage for the rest of the class as well as your child.
3. Our teachers are trained in emergency first aide and CPR, as well as the use of EPI pens. They can administer this drug to your child providing that you supply this medication as well as the supporting paperwork from your physician. By state regulations, any medication that we have on the premises must be in the original packaging and labeled by the pharmacy with the child's name and expiration date.
4. We recognize that on rare occasions it will be necessary to use inhalers for breakthrough attacks (attacks that require an additional single use of the inhaler). This will be permitted provided the child can self-administer the medication, a dedicated inhaler is kept at the school, and the supporting necessity of use form is on file signed by the physician.
5. **We do not administer oral (by mouth) medications.** The exception to this policy would be medications needed to prevent anaphylaxis. However, a doctor's note is required stating that withholding this medication could lead to an anaphylactic reaction.
  - a. We will only keep two doses of a required oral medication on school property at a time.
  - b. The dose must be a **Unit dose:** a single pre-measured amount pre-packaged by the pharmacy and labeled with the drug name, child's name and expiration date.
6. In the event that any medication must be used, 911 will be called concurrent to it's administration, and any further emergency medications will be provided by EMS. The parent would also be contacted after EMS was notified.
  - a. Any time medication is administered by the school, EMS will be activated for further assessment of the child's condition.
  - b. Following the assessment, the child will either be transported to the hospital, or released to the care of his/her parent or emergency contact person – as deemed necessary by EMS.
  - c. The child will not be allowed to re-enter school until a medical clearance note is received from his/her physician.

7. If your child has a severe allergy that requires the use of an EPI pen to treat, you will be required to provide appropriate transportation and chaperoning of your child for school field trips. (An appropriate alternate person may be sent in your place.)
8. We are not responsible for goodies sent home in party bags.
9. The school does not administer any regularly scheduled medications.
10. **No medication is allowed in the classroom; this includes backpacks and personal belongings.** This is a safety issue for other children in the room and it is against the law.