

THE ROEPER SCHOOL

PEANUT AND TREE NUT ALLERGY PROCEDURES

Ingestion and sometimes inhalation of peanuts and tree nuts can have serious adverse consequences to those children who are allergic. Ingestion of even a minute amount of peanut or tree nut could potentially result in a fatality in some cases. If your child has such an allergy, please make sure you inform the Lower School or Middle/Upper School Office of this immediately. Children identified with such allergies will be required to have medication and written emergency action plans from their physicians.

To protect our students with peanut and tree nut allergies we ask the cooperation of everyone in our community in providing a safe environment for these children. Please avoid sending or bringing any food to school that contains peanuts or tree nuts, including peanut butter, peanut traces, peanut oil, peanut flour or peanut meal. Please check the labels of snacks and other processed foods. Also be aware that bakery goods, candies and bulk food items could contain trace amounts of peanut even if there aren't whole peanuts in the ingredients.

All students should be encouraged to avoid sharing food and make sure they wash their hands after eating. Our teachers will work with all our students on education, awareness, respect and safety regarding food allergies. We also provide training to teachers on how to administer medication according to your physician's instructions.

You need to be aware that the school is not able to guarantee all the food, by-products, ingredients or other material that enters the school is peanut or tree nut free. Therefore, we urge that your child only eat food, including lunches and snacks, provided by you. We also recommend that you be available to drive your child for field trips and other off-site activities, when necessary.