



# Reed Elementary School

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## Reed School Food Allergy Guidelines

We recognize that some children have severe food allergies and/or dietary needs that require special conditions. It is our goal and responsibility to maintain a safe environment for all students during the school day. The most effective way to accommodate a wide variety of food allergies is to implement grade specific guidelines that recognize developmental awareness of our elementary aged students. Kindergarten requires the most managed and restricted environment. As our students mature, we encourage them to take more responsibility for their food allergies and dietary needs.

Reed is an open campus during afterschool hours, weekends and holidays. As a result, we cannot guarantee that our students may not be exposed to nuts or other food residue left on the school grounds. We strongly encourage precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure when their children are at school.

Due to the viscosity and unique nature of **nut products**, Reed has implemented specific safety measures to meet the needs of students with nut allergies.

### **Food Allergy Guidelines:**

#### **Kindergarten: Nut Free classrooms and playground**

- ❖ All kindergarten families will be asked *not* to send or bring any **nuts or nut products** to the kindergarten campus.
- ❖ All students will eat in specific class locations based on dietary and food safety needs of their class.
- ❖ One classroom may be designated for any student requiring **nuts/nut products** in their diet.

#### **First/Second Grades: Nut Restricted classroom and lunch table(s )**

- ❖ Specific classroom(s) will be designated for students with nut or other food allergies.
- ❖ All students will sit at lunch tables with their homeroom class. *There will be no changing of seats.*
- ❖ Specific lunch tables will be designated as **Nut Free** to accommodate the class(es) which is **Nut Restricted**.

Reed families are encouraged to share in the responsibility of educating their child(ren) of food allergies and recommended safety precautions, including frequent handwashing, handwipes, and/or use of individual lunch mates, etc. The school nurse is available to discuss individual needs and concerns.