



ALLERGY POLICY

JCYS strives to provide a safe haven for all students by maintaining a food allergy sensitive environment. The JCYS and families of allergic children acknowledge that despite our best efforts we cannot guarantee an absolutely allergen-free environment, but we can reduce the risk to children with life threatening food allergies. Therefore, the following policies and procedures will be put into practice:

- It is the responsibility of parents to notify the agency of students with medically documented food allergies. The agency does not have diagnostic responsibility.
- An individualized risk assessment plan will be provide by the physician and parent for all children with such allergies.
- JCYS will not knowingly be a purveyor of peanuts, nuts or derivative products.
- Peanut butter, nuts and nut derivatives are not to be sent with children for snack, lunch or parties.
- When sending treats to school for classroom celebrations, they are to be store bought (per DCFS regulations) and peanut free. The ingredient label must be legible. Avoid products that include the phrase **“this product is made on equipment that also manufactures products with nuts.”**
- It is strongly recommended that the parents of children with food-related allergies provide food alternatives for their child.
- Classrooms with children who are severely allergic may need to institute additional safety precautions in order to ensure a completely food allergy sensitive environment. Parents will be notified prior to the start of the school year with information about these extra safety measures.

While we hope that efforts will serve to provide the healthiest environment possible, please remember, we are a food allergy sensitive environment and cannot guarantee that we are an allergen-free environment.

List

My Child _____

_____ **Has No Allergies**

_____ **Has Allergies (please list)**

Parent Signature

Date