



## 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.
- Products that contain nuts (peanuts or tree-nuts) 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 nut-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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Has No Allergies**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Has Allergies (please list)**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**