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PEANUT POLICY FOR PARENTS

The Independence School has a Peanut Policy, as stated below. Please note this only pertains to peanuts and no other food allergens.

1. **Parents should not send in food that contains any form of peanut product to share with the class.** Please read all labels to ensure that cross contamination with peanuts has not occurred during production.
2. **Home baked goods or store-bought food** may be shared with the class, **only if the ingredient labels and/or recipe** is provided to check for cross contamination with peanuts during production.
3. No peanuts or peanut products are to be used in the classroom. **This includes the use of peanuts for eating, cooking, growing or smelling.** This does NOT mean parents can no longer pack peanut products in their child's lunch.
4. Since Dunkin' Donuts can no longer guarantee its products will not be cross contaminated with peanuts, **snacks from any Dunkin' Donuts are no longer permitted.**

This policy is to be followed school-wide but does not prohibit parents sending in peanut products for their **own** children.

Signs and symptoms of possible allergic reaction:

- Flushed face and skin
- Rash or hives
- Itching or swelling of the lips, tongue, mouth
- Dizziness or fainting
- Nausea or vomiting
- Itchy or watery eyes
- Coughing or sneezing
- Difficulty swallowing
- Difficulty breathing

Please keep us informed of any student whose allergic status changes. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call the nursing staff.