

Policy # 5.63

## **FOOD ALLERGY POLICY**

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### **POLICY STATEMENTS**

The Calgary Jewish Academy recognizes that:

- Students may be allergic to certain foods, especially peanuts and nuts which are the most common allergen causing anaphylaxis in school-aged children
- The responsibility to monitor what foods a student consumes is that of the student and the student's parents or guardians.
- It is impossible for the Calgary Jewish Academy to effectively monitor what foods a student consumes.
- The Calgary Jewish Academy does not wish to give students, parents or guardians, unrealistic comfort or expectation that it can control what foods a student consumes or with which a student may come into contact.

### **REGULATIONS**

1. The Calgary Jewish Academy is not able to protect students from the supply of foods brought to the school by other students. Trying to ban peanuts, nuts and related products from the CJA is unrealistic. It is impossible to demand or guarantee compliance with such a regulation.
2. The responsibility to monitor what foods a student consumes is that of the student's parents or guardians and the student.
3. The Calgary Jewish Academy may, when supplying foods to students at a Calgary Jewish Academy function, endeavor to see that no nut products are used in the foods that are supplied.
4. In cases where a student is allergic to a food product, the Calgary Jewish Academy may, if requested to do so by a student's parent or guardian, send a letter to the parents of the student's classmates requesting that they not include the product in any food that their children bring to school. The Calgary Jewish Academy cannot further monitor the situation.



5. At CJA, children with identified severe allergies are known to staff and faculty. Families are requested that medications are on site and staff have been trained to recognize symptoms.
6. Student awareness is critical. Students are educated to know and understand the potential risks of nuts and other allergens.