

Birmingham Covington School

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Dear Parents,

PEANUT DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

At BCS we try to be sensitive to the needs of all of our students. Many of our students have food allergies that restrict their diets. This year we have children in grades 3 through 8 who are allergic to peanuts and nut products. Please do not send these products, or foods that contain these products, as treats for the entire class. Please read product labels carefully when you are sending in snacks for the entire class. This does not affect what your children bring for lunch or for their individual classroom snacks. We also have a "nut free" table in the cafeteria for children who prefer to sit at a table with this designation.

We will be educating your children about food allergies, so they can become more sensitive to other students' dietary restrictions. Peanut and tree nut allergies are a condition that affects approximately three million Americans. Unfortunately, there is not a cure for peanut allergies. Strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction. It seems that each year we have an increasing number of students with allergies and other special needs. Educating children to accept and make accommodations for differences is part of living in a diverse world. BCS prides itself on making sure each child is accepted and accommodated.

It is important to understand ***we are NOT a peanut free school.***

ALLERGIES OR OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

In hopes of establishing a safe environment for your child, we are asking your help in identifying any allergies or other health concerns that may require special medication and/or emergency care.

If your child has asthma, bee sting/food allergies, seizures, diabetes, or any other health concern that would put them in jeopardy, you need to notify the school office before the start of the school year. Please be sure to identify the health concern on the BCS Emergency Information Form.

A care plan tailored to your child's specific needs must be completed by you and your physician. If medication is needed, a Permission to Administer Medication form must also be completed by you and your physician. The care plan, Permission to Administer Medication form and the medication should be brought to BCS during the back-to-school registration on August 17 or August 24.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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