

Grace Academy
Peanut Aware Policy

It is the goal of Grace Academy to partner with parents to ensure a safe environment while children are attending school. Grace Academy operates in a shared facility with the Boone United Methodist Church. Many of the classrooms used by GA are multi-purpose classrooms used by Sunday school classes and many other outside groups. Grace Academy cannot ensure that these classrooms are kept “peanut free”.

With the understanding that Grace Academy is not a “peanut free” school, if a student with a peanut allergy attends GA, the school will partner with the student's parents to educate teachers, students and other parents. A “peanut aware” table can be arranged for lunch and snack time. This table will be washed by the teacher at the start of the school day and again prior to the allergic student eating. Only students whose parents have agreed to send lunches/snacks without peanuts will be permitted to sit at the peanut aware table with the allergic students. The class will be educated on the seriousness of the peanut allergy. GA will ask parents to make careful and prayerful decisions about sending peanut products to school. Grace Academy cannot prohibit peanut products or police the lunches of students. Students in the affected child's class will be required to wash hands after eating lunch/snacks.

Grace Academy will require that an Emergency Action Plan be completed by the parents and health care provider. The plan will include signs and symptoms of a reaction as well and interventions to minimize the reaction. Any required medications, such as an epipen or benadryl will need to be written for by the health care provider and attached to the emergency care plan.

As needed, Grace Academy will educate teachers on the use of the epipen during teacher training, prior to the start of the school year.

Grace Academy will include a statement of release of liability for the school, its employees, and volunteers in the emergency action plan. The release will require that parents sign and therefore acknowledge that Grace Academy is not a peanut free school and that GA shall have no liability for the death or bodily injury arising from the student being exposed to tree nuts or peanuts while attending GA or from the performance of any of the tasks listed in the Emergency Action Plan.

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____