

## ANAPHYLACTIC ALLERGY POLICY

LePort Schools works cooperatively with parents to accommodate students with anaphylactic allergies. We ask parents to play an active role in keeping us informed about their child's needs and effective strategies for managing them. **If your child has an anaphylactic allergy, it is critical that you inform us and instruct us in the best methods of protecting him or her!** You can use our "Nutrition & Allergy Information" form to do this (provided to every family upon enrollment). We also encourage you to develop a prevention, treatment, and emergency response plan, together with your child's doctor, and provide that to us separately to be posted in easy-access locations in the school.

### OUR ALLERGY POLICIES:

- **Nut Allergies: LEPORT SCHOOLS IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL!** No food containing peanuts or tree nuts will be served as a school snack.
- **Other Anaphylactic Allergies:** If your child has another anaphylactic allergy (other than nuts), we will work with your family individually to develop a plan that will protect the safety of your child. (See below)
- **Request to Parents and Families:** We ask our parents and other family members *never* to bring to school, or allow your child to bring to school, any product containing peanuts or tree nuts. Depending on potential restrictions in a particular classroom, it's possible that you may also be asked to avoid other allergens. If so, *please* respect this request, since another child's health and safety depends on it.
- **Medications and Epinephrine:** Parents are welcome and encouraged to provide epinephrine and/or Benadryl for their child's classroom if there is any chance it might be necessary. In accordance with its normal policy regarding medications, LePort Schools will administer prescription medications only if we have a copy of the prescription on file, and a proper medicine form. ***Please make sure to provide us with the required form for each medication, and make sure we have proper written instructions for how and when to use medications such as Benadryl or an epi-pen.*** It is also your responsibility to check that any medicines provided are not expired.
- **Prevention, Treatment & Emergency Response Plans:** Many allergy doctors provide or consult on treatment & emergency response plans for allergic children. We encourage parents to ask their child's doctor if he or she will provide or consult on such a plan for their child, tailored for use in a school setting. We will then post these plans in conspicuous and easily accessible locations inside the school, to facilitate the fastest possible response to any emergency. In addition to treatment and emergency response, we will also work with parents and doctors on an individual basis to create prevention plans tailored to the individual child and classroom.
- **Special Events and Hot Lunch Program:** Although we do our best to protect your child when we can, LePort Schools can't guarantee that every food item served at special events will be allergen-free, since food will be provided by an outside party rather than by the school. (Examples are potluck celebrations, student birthdays, or field trips.) The same is true of our "hot lunch program", which is catered by an outside vendor, and items in other student lunches. We ask parents to attend special events with their child and monitor his or her consumption, to open a dialogue directly with the hot lunch vendor, etc.