

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is Poudre School District Nut-free?
 - a. Poudre School District is NOT Nut-free; however, each school and site can provide accommodations, such as allergy-aware classrooms and lunch table, for your child's specific allergy to keep them safe at school. Contact your child's school and ask to speak to the school nurse.
2. Can my student eat school lunch?
 - a. The Poudre School District nutrition department posts all known allergens on its website. They are trained how to prevent cross-contamination. You can check daily lunches to see if your child can eat them; otherwise, it's encouraged all food comes from home to ensure it is safe for your child.
3. Who should I contact to get a health care plan in place for my child?
 - a. You should contact the school your child will be going to. The nurse will be notified and will talk to you about your student's needs.
4. What is a 504? Should I have one for my child? Who should I contact if I think I need one?
 - a. 504's are accommodations put into place for children with disabilities to help them access their learning environment. Not all food allergic children require a 504, but some students with more severe allergies may need to have specific accommodations put into place in order to help ensure they are safe at school and can access their learning environment without worry. If you are unsure or think you may need a 504, contact your child's school and ask to talk with the 504 coordinator or school nurse.
5. Do I need doctor's orders at school to have medication at school for my child? What about over-the-counter medications?
 - a. By law, all medications administered at school require a doctor's order and parental permission. A student with severe allergies or asthma should also have a health care plan as well.
6. Who should I notify if my student is participating in before or after school programs?
 - a. It depends on what your student is doing before or after school. If your child is participating in BASE camp, you need to notify BASE camp so their staff can be trained on medications for your child. BASE camp is not part of PSD and therefore needs all of their own forms completed. If the before or after school program is sponsored by PSD, please notify the health office so they can ensure your student's health care plan is communicated to those staff members.
7. Do Health care plans, medication orders, and medications need to be completed every year?
 - a. Yes, all childhood medications are based on weight, so as your child grows their orders and doses will change, so it is important to complete a new health care plan and medication orders every year. All medications should be dropped off at the beginning of the year and picked up at the end of the year and should have a valid expiration date. The health office will notify you and ask that you get a new medication if it expires during the school year.

8. Is my child allowed or expected to self-carry their medication?
 - a. Students are allowed to self-carry any emergency medication with doctor, parent, and school nurse approval. Students are not expected to know how to administer their medication, but are encouraged to learn as they get older.