

# MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

*Adopted: March 20, 2017*

## **516.1 PEANUT AND NUT FREE ACCOMODATION POLICY**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The Math and Science Academy (MSA) allows peanuts and other nuts at school. MSA does, however, make accommodations for students with nut allergies.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the provisions that must be followed to accommodate students who have peanut and nut allergies.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The academic success of a student can be directly linked to his or her health. MSA supports a positive learning environment for students who have peanut and nut allergies. MSA agrees to the procedures in this policy in order to promote the safety and health of student who have peanut and nut allergies.

### **III. PROCEDURES**

#### **A. Before the school year begins:**

MSA staff will have a meeting with parents/guardians and MSA's school nurse to review each student's current health plan and modifications required for the school year

The MSA Director will establish school-wide procedures and safeguards to address peanut and nut allergies in school buildings – e.g. peanut and nut free zone in the lunchrooms and peanut and nut free classrooms

MSA staff will be provided education and instruction on procedures and safeguards established to address peanut and nut allergies; emergency medical procedures will be discussed with student-specific teachers and staff (e.g. use of an Epi-Pen).

All parents/guardians of MSA students will be mailed a letter during the summer providing notification and information concerning peanut and nut allergies at the school and restrictions.

B. After the school year begins:

A peanut and nut free zone in lunchrooms and classrooms will be created- via making signs and speaking with students in small and large groups as to school-wide procedures and safeguards.

Food vendors will be notified (including all school sponsored activities) that all food sold or provided at MSA must be nut free. This includes food sold in vending machines.

**IV. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY**

This policy shall be made available to all students, parents or guardians of students, and staff members.