

## **Peanut and Tree Nut Aware Declaration Statement**

**Pella Community School District is a Peanut and Tree Nut Aware School.**

We are aware that some students have life threatening, anaphylactic food allergies. The most common life-threatening allergies are to peanuts and tree nuts. Pella Community School District cannot guarantee that a student will never experience an allergy-related event while at school. However, the risk of accidental exposure to allergens can be reduced in the school setting if schools partner with students, parents, and healthcare professionals to minimize risks and to provide a safe educational environment for severely allergic students. Policies have been created to reduce the risk of exposure during school hours for those students with life-threatening allergies.

Pella Community School Food Service has removed peanut and tree nut products from lunches and snacks during school hours. This includes removing products that have peanuts or tree nuts listed as ingredients in the allergen content labeling. **This does not include products that may be manufactured in a facility that processes peanut or tree nut products.** If your child has dietary requirements outside of these parameters, see [Food Allergy and Special Dietary Requests](#).

As a child grows older, they are able to identify and self regulate their own dietary intake for allergens. Therefore, Lunchroom Rules, Classroom Snacks, and Field Trip rules are managed differently at each building level. For rulings in your child's particular building see the Student Handbook.