

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
CLASSROOM FOOD POLICY

Santa Ynez Valley Charter School recognizes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment.

In addition to all other SYVCS policies, the following steps are taken to ensure all students have the opportunity to be included in classroom based food activities.

Classroom Food:

Santa Ynez Valley Charter School staff, students, and parents will keep all classroom food activities free of nuts.

When a classroom food activity is planned, communication to parents will include the statement “Please make sure that all food and food preparations are NUT free” as a reminder that all food brought for classroom food activities must be nut free.

During classroom activities that involve food, staff will actively monitor food to ensure all food is nut free.

Recognition:

School staff will work actively to recognize foods that contain nuts or nut products. If food with nuts comes to a classroom food activity, staff will:

1. Remove the food immediately from the classroom to the office.
2. Notify parents in the class via email within 24 hours that food with nuts was present.
3. Remind parents and families who brought the food of our school policy.

Parent Options:

Parents will be given the option, each school year, to request that Santa Ynez Valley Charter School Staff only give their children food that has been provided by their parent. Parents can do this by notifying the office and teacher in writing of their request. As part of their request, parents will be strongly encouraged to bring non-perishable food to the classroom, where it can be kept for classroom food activities.

Designee:

The Director or designee will be responsible for monitoring the Classroom Food Policy. Questions or concerns regarding the Classroom Food Policy can be addressed to the Director at 686-7360.