Chroma Early Learning Academy - Nut-Free & Allergy Safety Statement

At Chroma Early Learning Academy, the health, safety, and well-being of every child is our highest priority. To protect children with severe and potentially life-threatening allergies, **all Chroma Early Learning locations operate as a 100% Nut-Free Environment**.

This means **no peanuts, tree nuts, nut butters, nut oils, or foods processed with nuts are permitted anywhere on our premises** — including classrooms, playgrounds, common areas, or staff spaces.

Our Nut-Free Commitment

✓ Completely Nut-Free Facilities

We do **not** serve or allow:

- Peanuts
- Tree nuts (including almonds, cashews, walnuts, pecans, pistachios, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, etc.)
- Foods containing nut ingredients
- Foods processed in facilities that handle nuts *when labeled as such*

This applies to:

- Daily meals and snacks
- Lunches brought from home
- Birthday treats and celebrations
- Classroom activities

✓ Strict Food Safety & Cross-Contamination Prevention

To ensure a safe learning environment, we follow:

- Dedicated nut-free purchasing guidelines
- Careful label verification for all food items

- Sanitization and handwashing protocols
- Separate prep and serving procedures
- Staff training in allergy awareness and emergency response

Allergy Management & Individual Action Plans

We work closely with families to understand:

- Food allergies
- Sensitivities
- Dietary restrictions

For any child with a diagnosed allergy, we maintain an updated, physician-signed **Allergy & Emergency Action Plan**. All staff members in the child's classroom are trained to:

- Recognize symptoms
- Prevent exposure
- Administer emergency medication (including EpiPen or Auvi-Q)
- Activate emergency protocols

How Families Can Help Keep Chroma Nut-Free

We kindly ask that parents:

- **Carefully read all food labels** before sending items from home
- Avoid any products containing nuts or "may contain nuts" warnings
- Update us immediately with new allergy information
- Work with our staff when providing substitute items

Our Promise to Families

Maintaining a nut-free environment is part of our commitment to creating a **safe, inclusive, and nurturing space** for all children. We deeply appreciate your partnership in helping us protect children with life-threatening allergies and in supporting the health of our entire school community.

If you have any questions about our nut-free policy or need assistance reviewing food items, please contact your Center Director at any time.