

**Ocean Township School District
Waretown, NJ 08758**

FOOD POLICY

Unauthorized Food Distribution

No child shall bring food to school to be distributed to other students.

Birthdays and Other Special Occasions

If a student wishes to have food for a birthday celebration or other special occasion, the parent may purchase snacks in bulk from the school cafeteria. Only water and juice are allowed.

Food Products Used in Educational Activities

From time to time, food products may be put on display as part of student projects in science or health classes. (i.e. a food pyramid). In the event a teacher desires to erect such a display, it should be limited to the classroom and precautions shall be taken to ensure that allergenic foods are not used. At least three (3) days prior to erection of the display, the classroom teacher shall make written notice to all parents of children in that class.

Outside Fundraising Sales

Students participating in food sales for outside fundraisers (i.e. Girl Scouts, athletic teams) shall not bring the food products on school grounds or on a school bus. Parents are encouraged to take orders for such products and/or sell them from their home.

Classroom Holiday Celebrations

Parents may bring food from the outside into their child's classroom on four annual occasions:

Halloween Winter Break Spring Break End of Year

Any food brought in for these celebrations must be pre-packaged or from a commercial vendor, with an ingredient list attached. Parents must submit to the classroom teacher, in writing, a brief description of the food, at least five (5) school days prior to the celebration. Once these descriptions are received, the classroom teacher will send a letter to all parents indicating which foods are being served at the celebration. If a parent has particular questions about the ingredients, they are encouraged to research the foods on their own or contact the commercial vendor.

Field Trips

At least 5 (five) days prior to a field trip, a parent must submit a permission slip with a notation indicating the presence of food allergies. The classroom teacher shall consult with the parent, school nurse, and faculty chaperones to ensure that proper precautions are taken on the trip to avoid exposure to food allergens. Students will be strongly discouraged from sharing food among classmates.

Extracurricular Activities

This policy shall have full force and effect for any school-sponsored extracurricular activity. The faculty adviser overseeing the activity shall be responsible for compliance.

Activities sponsored by outside community groups utilizing school facilities when school is not in session are exempt from this policy. However, upon approval for facility usage, the District will issue a request that the sponsor be mindful of food allergies and take practicable precautions.