

Policy: FOOD AND CANDY POLICY

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure that NDPA promotes healthy lifestyles and ensures the safety of students with food allergies.

REWARDS, MOTIVATION, INCENTIVES:

• Candy will not be used as a reward or incentive in the classroom.

FOOD IN LESSON PLANS:

- Lesson plans involving the use of food will be pre-approved by the principal and adequate notice will be given to parents prior to the activity.
- The food activity will enhance the learning experience of the students and will be directly related to the unit of study.

BIRTHDAYS, HOLIDAYS, OTHER CELEBRATIONS:

- Student birthdays will be celebrated in the classroom in a way that celebrates the student.
 Students or parents are not allowed to bring food or favors of any kind to hand out to others.
- Teacher and staff birthdays will be celebrated by the school. No money may be collected in the classroom to buy teacher gifts.
- Other holidays and celebrations, if chosen to be observed, will be celebrated in appropriate ways that will enhance the meaning and understanding of the event for the student.

STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES:

 Students with severe food allergies will be given the opportunity to teach their classmates and teacher about their allergies so all will be aware of the situation and know how to respond should a reaction occur. A list of allergens and procedures to follow in the event of an allergic reaction, along with a picture of the student may be posted in the classroom. Teachers should be cognizant of these situations and plan accordingly, being sensitive to parental input.

Monte Poll, NDPA Board President

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