

Peanut/Allergen Awareness Statement

We understand the concerns surrounding food allergens. Our district is committed to providing a healthy learning environment for all students.

Because students and staff can bring foods onto school premises, Dallas ISD cannot guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free environment. Therefore, the approach we take is to be “Allergen Aware” with annual trainings for our health professionals and cafeteria staff. These include:

- School Nutrition Staff make a conscious effort to avoid serving breakfast items which contain peanuts at schools which offer the “Breakfast in the Classroom” program.
- Our district Health Professionals and Cafeteria staff receive professional training on applicable topics annually, including:
 - Anaphylaxis and Severe Allergic Reactions
 - ServSafe © Certification
 - Food & Child Nutrition Services Special Diet Allergens
 - Signs and Symptoms of Food Allergies
 - Strategies to reduce allergen exposure to common food allergens
 - *Customized training* specific to a student’s emergency action plan from the student’s medical provider is provided to those designated by the principal as an emergency responder

Once a student is identified as having a severe food allergy, the following steps are taken to reduce risk of exposure:

1. The campus nurse or designee will request the student’s food allergy action plan and emergency action plan from the child’s medical provider.
2. The parent will be asked to complete a Food Allergy Health History Form to allow for development of the individual health plan of the student, to provide a greater understanding of triggers and symptoms specific to each student identified with a life-threatening food allergy.
<https://www.dallasisd.org/cms/lib/TX01001475/Centricity/Domain/108/Food%20Allergy%20Health%20History%20Form%202020.pdf>
3. The parent will be asked to complete a Special Dietary Request Form if food substitutions or modifications to the diet are requested.
<https://www.dallasisd.org/Page/930>
4. Campus staff schedule a 504 meeting, if indicated/required.
5. The parent should review their child’s plan annually or as their child’s health status changes.

Please visit our Meal Viewer app for our Menus & the

Allergen profile of *hundreds of foods* served in school cafeterias.

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/results/dallas%20isd>