



MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD POLICY

Marple Newtown School District holds the health and well-being of our students as the ultimate priority and recognizes that food allergies can have negative effects on our students' ability to access the opportunities afforded to each member in our school communities. The focus of our District's safe foods policy (MNSD School Board Policy, School Wellness, No. 246) includes prevention, education, communication, and response.

We ask that you review the below notes taken from the District's School Wellness Policy (No. 246) in order to keep our students healthy and safe.

Should your child have an allergy of any type, including any allergy plans advised by your pediatrician, please inform your child's school nurse and teacher.

- Students, parents/guardians, teaching/school staff or any other persons visiting the school may NOT bring food into the school for the purpose of recognizing a student birthday or any celebration for holidays including but not limited to: Halloween, Winter Recess, Valentine's Day, cultural events, and/or end-of-year festivities. Our school will accommodate meaningful alternatives to food for celebratory purposes. Please consult with your child's homeroom teacher or school Principal.
- MNSD's schools may, where appropriate, allow activities that recognize special occasions in a manner that is meaningful to students, respectful of all students, and cognizant of teachers' time without food. Please notify and communicate with the teacher and school principal at least one week in advance if you would like to propose any celebrations in the school setting.
- Students may bring into school food items for breakfast, lunch, or snack, but may not share any item with others at any time. Snacks brought into the school and classroom must comply with the classroom and school's policies (i.e. nut free, etc...). Teachers and schools will communicate information about snacks that are NOT permissible in the classroom or school.
- During lunchtime, in the cafeteria, your child may continue to pack, buy, or eat foods containing peanut/tree nut products. A nut-free area is designated in each school Cafeteria.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

Please consult your school handbook and School Board Policy for additional information.