

2026 Wellness Guidelines for Classroom and School-Wide Celebrations

Classroom / School-Wide Celebrations

The district encourages activity-based celebrations that foster inclusive participation across the school community. To prioritize student health and safety, these events will transition to a non-food format. The sole exception remains school-provided items, such as popsicles, served during end-of-year, district-wide festivities.

Recognized celebrations include:

- Halloween
- Winter Holidays
- Valentine's Day
- End-of-Year Parties

Food as Part of Classroom Activities

Teachers may incorporate food into classroom activities only when it is integral to the instructional curriculum (e.g., examining seeds during a botanical lesson). All such activities require prior administrative approval. It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that all materials are handled safely and comply with health protocols.

Approval Process

Teachers must notify the principal for approval. The decision to include food is at the discretion of the principal, based on the following considerations:

- Allergies: After principal approval, teachers must connect with the school nurse regarding any potential allergies at least one week prior to the lesson.
- Timeframe: Food cannot be served around lunch times.
- Parental Notification: Teachers will notify parents via email that food will be part of the lesson.