



Student Health Services

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Dear Parents of Elementary School Children:

Washoe County School District is committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe learning environment for all students. Shared food in the primary learning space poses a significant risk for students with food-related disorders and diseases. Each year, 911 responds to life threatening incidents when students are exposed to unsafe foods. To improve the health and safety of all students, an emergency action plan has been put into place for your student's classroom. As part of this plan, **NO SHARED FOOD WILL BE ALLOWED IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.**

When students need to eat in their classroom, they will only be allowed to eat their own food at their own desks, where it can be contained and surfaces can be cleaned. **Celebrations without foods are encouraged and ideas for non-food celebrations and rewards are available at your school.**

Any food that is distributed to more than one student is considered a shared or communal food and will not be allowed in the classroom. Examples of such foods include party and potluck foods, candy and snacks for parties and rewards, and food used in games and art projects. Students are not allowed to share or trade snacks, lunches, or drinks with other students. School staff will adhere to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation of handwashing to remove allergens after food has been eaten. Hand sanitizers do not remove allergens.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other Federal and State laws and regulations require us to create plans and take action to keep all students safe and healthy. Our intent in creating this emergency plan is to protect students with known medical conditions from serious harm, bullying, harassment, and exclusion. Washoe County School District strives to provide the best possible education for all students and learning happens best when we are all safe, healthy, and included.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Nurse, the principal, or Student Health Services.

Respectfully,

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Director Student Health Services

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