



## East Islip School District

### SUMMARY OF THE FOOD ALLERGIES POLICY

Food allergies appear to be increasing in frequency and the number of students affected is rising. Due to the seriousness of food allergies, the East Islip School District has recently revised our policy and regulation that we want to make all of our families aware of.

Please review the most important components below which will be in effect in our schools. Please fill out the tear-off below and sign it to confirm your awareness of this information.

1. All children will be made aware of the importance of not sharing or trading food, utensils or containers. In each cafeteria there is a table designated as “allergy-free”. Children without allergies may sit at these tables only with permission of the cafeteria aide and must have lunches purchased in the cafeteria. They may not share food.
2. Our schools will be enforcing a non-food based celebration policy. This is in order to avoid dangerous situations for children having potentially life-threatening allergies. Parents and students will not be permitted to bring any food(s) into school for birthday celebrations.
3. Transportation and Field Trips – There is no eating permitted on school buses when children are being transported to and from school. Additionally, food is not to be permitted on school buses on field trips.
4. Middle School and High School – At the secondary level, there are fewer in-class birthday celebrations. There is, however, more of a need for curriculum-based, food centered activities, such as Family and Consumer Science classes and foreign language classes. Prior to these events, letters are sent home to parents informing them of the upcoming event. The district food service provider is encouraged to be used, and the cafeteria is used whenever possible instead of classrooms. Signs will also be posted in the middle school and high school to remind students that they must be aware of the possible presence of nuts or nut products.

The entire policy and regulation may be found on our district website at [www.eischools.org](http://www.eischools.org). We thank you in advance for working collaboratively with our schools and our district to maximize student safety.

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Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print)*

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the important parts of the district’s Food Allergies policy and regulations above and will discuss them with my child.

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_