

Food Practices at School

The Eastford Elementary School recognizes that food allergies and other medical conditions may be life threatening. For this reason, the district is committed to developing strategies and practices to minimize the risk of accidental exposure to life-threatening food allergens and to ensure prompt and effective medical response should a student suffer an allergic reaction while at school.

Practices to minimize the risk of exposure to life-threatening allergens, practices that may be considered include, but are not limited to:

1. Encouraging hand washing.
2. Discouraging students from swapping food at lunch or other snack/meal times.
3. Encouraging the use of non-food items as incentives, rewards or in connection with celebrations.
4. Training staff in recognizing signs and symptoms of adverse reactions, anaphylaxis and hypoglycemia.
5. Planning for school emergencies, to include consideration of the need to access medication, food and/or dietary supplements.

Eastford Elementary School will not be serving or providing any food to students outside of pre-planned PTO special luncheons. This includes holiday and birthday celebrations. Please encourage families to celebrate in other ways, such as with special pencils, finger toys and other trinkets.