

# Clay Lamberton Elementary School Food Policy



In-the Berlin Area School District (BASD), the safety of our students is the number one priority. Our district employees are committed to ensuring a safe working and learning environment through multiple proactive initiatives.

In many schools, it is a common practice for families to bring food to school for classroom celebrations and other events. When reviewing national trends aligned to food allergies and foodborne illness, national medical research organizations report that 1 in 13 children have allergies to specific foods, while 42% of those affected have experienced a severe reaction from their allergy. The Centers for Disease Control reports that more than 48 million people annually become sick as the result of foodborne illness.

As a preventative measure, the BASD School Board adopted a policy that governs food items brought to schools for distribution for our most age-vulnerable children. Specifically, food items brought to school from an outside source for distribution to students in grades 4K - 5 must:

- Be prepared in a kitchen that is subject to inspection by their local health department
- Be appropriately packaged from the vendor and delivered to the school in this packaging

This policy does not apply to students who bring their lunch from home for individual consumption.

Food Examples that <u>do</u> Meet the Policy	Food Examples that <u>do not</u> Meet the Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked goods purchased at a local bakery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked goods that were baked at home</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-packaged baby carrots, sliced fruit, or sliced vegetables purchased at a grocery store</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese or cold cuts purchased at a store, prepared (sliced) at home, and brought to school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individually wrapped cheese sticks, granola bars, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole fruits and/or vegetables that are prepared (washed/sliced) at home and brought to school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food items purchased at Kwik-Trip</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-sliced cheese or cold cuts brought to school in its original packaging</li> </ul>	

Parents are always welcome to bring non-food items such as fun pencils, erasers, or a class book for school celebrations in lieu of food items. We appreciate our families' and community's understanding by supporting our food policy that will ensure that our children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support of BASD as we ensure that our children grow and learn in a safe environment.