



## Birthday Treats at Elementary Campuses

### Objectives:

- To create a healthy school environment and minimize disruption of learning.
- To maintain the health and protect the safety of student who have life-threatening allergies during the school day. (FFAF LEGAL/LOCAL)

### Overview and Rationale:

Allergens, including food and latex, can trigger a severe systemic allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening emergency. Avoidance is the best measure to protect the safety of children with food or other severe allergies at risk for anaphylaxis.

### Procedural Guidelines

- Food or non-food items (stickers, pencils etc.) for birthday celebration will only be shared with classmates at dismissal.
- All birthday celebration treats will be individually packaged. Food items will include a complete ingredients list attached to each package.
  - Any food items without a complete ingredients list and those not individually wrapped/packaged will not be distributed.
  - Food items that contain an allergen for any student in the class will not be shared with the class.
- Non-food items containing latex (balloons, toys made with natural rubber, etc.) will not be allowed.
- Items will be held in the office until the end of the school day and only distributed to classmates at dismissal.

### Parent Responsibilities

- Bring birthday celebration items to the school office.
- Individually package all items.
- Include a complete ingredients list on each individually packaged food item.

### Classroom Teacher Responsibilities

- Assure all birthday celebration items are individually packaged.
- Assure each food item has been labeled with a complete ingredients list.
- Assure non-food items do not contain latex (natural rubber).
- Place birthday celebration items in student's backpack to be taken home at dismissal.