

# Board Policy

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## SAFE SNACKS/PEANUT/TREE NUT REGULATION PARENT LETTER

### (Elementary Only)

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

In compliance with the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools, Bettendorf Community School District (BCSD) has developed Safe Snacks Lists to be implemented with the 2016-2017 school year. It is our utmost priority to provide those students with peanut and tree nut allergies the safest possible environment during their school day.

In order to achieve this goal, strict adherence to the Safe Snacks Lists is expected from elementary teachers and parents in every classroom utilizing the following guidelines:

#### **Celebration Snacks**

- Acceptable snacks for celebrations can be found on side one of the Safe Snacks List (attached). These items cannot contain nuts or be made in a facility that uses shared equipment. Please check the food label to ensure the item meets this guideline. Some companies list potential allergens on their food labels; however, current FDA labeling guidelines do not mandate that manufacturers do so. Foods must be purchased from a store and brought to school in the original packaging. Homemade snacks cannot be accepted for classroom celebrations.
- BCSD has verified the brands found on the Safe Snack Lists are available at the following retailers as of June 9, 2016: Hy-Vee at 53rd & Utica Ridge, Sam's Club on Elmore, and Walmart on Elmore. Items may also be available at other retailers such as CVS, Family Dollar, Target or Walgreens.
- Please deliver snacks to the school the morning of the celebration so the item can be verified as an approved snack. In the event the item is not found on the Safe Snack List, arrangements can be made with the classroom teacher to bring an alternate snack at another time.
- Side two of the Safe Snack List details snacks that comply with the nutritional standards set forth by the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools guidelines and deemed to be nut-free.
- Please limit treats to one per student.

Please ensure that any daily snack for your child follows the above guidelines and can be found on the Safe Snack Lists.

Every effort has been made to ensure the Safe Snack List is as accurate as possible. However, please keep in mind that products, manufacturers and production plants can and do change frequently. Therefore, BCSD does not accept responsibility for errors or omissions on the lists.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

BCSD Wellness Committee, School Nurses, and Administration Staff

*Approved: July 11, 2016*

*Reapproved:*

*Revised:*