



Birthday Celebrations, Holiday Parties, and Lunch

In order to provide our students with the safest environment possible, CICS Bucktown adheres to food policies set by Chicago Public Schools.

At CICS Bucktown we observe the policy set by Chicago Public Schools regarding food sources that are brought into the school to be distributed to students. This policy is in effect here due to the increasing number of severe allergies of students and staff in our building. Some of these allergies are so severe that simple proximity could cause a severe reaction requiring immediate emergency treatment.

All outside food to be shared with others must meet the following requirements:

- Communicated with and approved by the classroom teachers
- Products must be store bought and have a food label with ingredients on the package. No home cooked food will be allowed.
- All products must be approved in the reception office before entering the building. If the product contains ingredients not allowed, the product cannot be shared and will be held until the parent/guardian can pick it up.
- Food cannot be shared across grade levels or classrooms.
- Food cannot be shared at lunch.
- Suggestions for acceptable food to be brought into classrooms:
 - Fruit cups
 - Applesauce
 - Fruit popsicles and frozen fruit bars
 - Fresh fruit and/or vegetables
 - Yogurt
 - Pretzels
- Food products such as cupcakes, candy, cakes, donuts, etc. will not be approved**

We highly recommend alternative ways to share and celebrate. Examples:

- Provide a favorite book or game to share with the class
- Share a goody bag of non-edible treats such as stickers, crayons, pencils, erasers, etc.
- Provide supplies for students to make a small craft project together
- Donate a book to the classroom library in your child's name

Please note: During lunch, students may not bring extra snacks, large bags of chips/snacks, sodas or other items to share. These items will be collected.

Thank you so much for your support in keeping our school safe and healthy for all students!