

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

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Dear Families,

You may have seen news reports about the increase in the rate of food allergies among the U.S. population. The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act was signed into law on January 4, 2011. The law directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop voluntary food allergy guidelines to prevent exposure to food allergens and assure a prompt response when a child suffers a potentially fatal anaphylactic reaction. In accordance with that federal law and with Plainfield School District's board policy 7:285- Food Allergy Management Program that includes the district's responsibility to prevent exposure to known allergens, our school will be allowing only the **pre-packaged individual-sized servings** of the snacks listed below to be served in the classroom. Please remember that a life threatening, anaphylactic reaction can occur if the student ingests just a trace amount of an allergen. We very much appreciate your support in our efforts to prevent exposure, including through cross-contamination, of peanuts and nuts to our food-allergy students.

Snacks permitted in the classroom:

Pre-packed individual-sized servings of:

Sun-Chips
Cheez-It, Cheese Nips Baked Crackers
Teddy Grahams
Goldfish Crackers
Saltines or Oyster Crackers
Pretzels (but not Snyder's)

Fresh fruits and vegetables

The students, the parents, the staff, and I appreciate your cooperation in helping provide a safe classroom environment.

Sincerely,



Laurie Boyce
Principal