

HADDONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Haddonfield School District recognizes that students with food allergies require reasonable measures to ensure their health and safety. To that effect, the district has implemented several practices on the elementary level to help reduce the possibility of an allergic reaction by a child with food allergies. These include:

- [Birthday Celebration Letter](#)
- In school, children with food allergies will be allowed to ***eat only food*** that is provided by their parent/guardian.
- ***Each parent/guardian is asked to provide a container of food or snacks that are safe for your child to eat.***
- In the lunchroom, children with a food allergy will sit at the end of their class' table, so that their exposure to the food is limited and the lunch staff on duty can observe for any signs of distress.
- On field trips, children with food allergies will need to travel on the bus with the nurse or delegate who is holding their epinephrine. If there are several children in a grade who need epinephrine, this may necessitate that they all travel on the same bus. If the nurse/delegate is accompanying a group rather than staying in one central location, those students with food allergies will be assigned to the group with the nurse/delegate.
- If a student no longer has a food allergy, we will need a healthcare provider's note stating that the food allergy no longer exists and epinephrine medication is no longer necessary.

These measures are in place to ensure your child's safety with the least amount of disruption to his/her school experience, and we feel strongly that it is in your child's best interest to comply with these measures. **However, for students in 2nd and 3rd grades:** if you feel your child is mature and responsible enough to manage his or her own care, you may exempt them from the lunch seating provisions by signing below. The classroom food management provision and the field trip provision must remain in place as well as the need for a healthcare provider's note if your child no longer has the food allergy.

2nd and 3rd Grade Students:

By signing below, you are acknowledging that you wish to exempt your child from the following measure which is in place to ensure his/her safety.

Student Name: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

I request that my child be exempt from sitting at the end of the table during lunch-time which is designed to ensure the safety of children with food allergies while in school: _____ Yes _____ No

(Parent/Guardian name)

(Date)