

CKCS Classroom Food Policy

Snacks, Birthday Treats, and Special Event Foods

Core Knowledge® Charter School's (CKCS) Governing Council and staff have modified the school's policies and practices for snacks, birthday treats, and special event foods. These changes address numerous concerns, including but not limited to health and wellness, allergies, cleanup, preserved instructional time, extra expense and inconvenience for families, and more.

Starting in the 2017-18 school year, CKCS initiated the following policy:

Classroom snacks.

CKCS recognizes that students (especially younger students) may need a snack in the afternoon before school ends. With help from parent donations, the school will provide a safe snack approved by the school nurse for all students in the afternoon. Parents will have the option of purchasing milk for their child through the food service department to drink during this time. To ensure student safety, food brought from home will not be eaten in the classrooms.

No birthday/special event treats.

Teachers will continue to celebrate birthdays and special events. However, this will be done in ways that do not include treats or snacks. Your child's teacher will provide a list of approved ways to celebrate your child in class, from which your child will be able to choose.

No food at school-wide parties.

CKCS has three school-wide party days: fall, winter and spring celebrations. These celebrations will include items related to the celebration (such as activities, games, and trinkets) and will not include food or drinks.

Please know that there still may be an occasional treat in your child's classroom, but these will occur when it fits with a school-wide goal (such as P.B.I.S.) or is curriculum appropriate (maple syrup when studying Wisconsin or applesauce when studying trees). We appreciate your support.