

Clyde Elementary and Clyde Intermediate have updated party and celebration guidelines to better ensure the safety of all children consuming food products at school. This is a local guideline brought about by the recommendation and lengthy discussions from the Clyde SHAC (Student Health Advisory Committee). A copy of guideline is printed below. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Party/Celebration Guidelines

Any parties or celebrations that take the place of lunch are not allowed. Three exemption party days are permitted each school year. Candy and foods of minimal nutritional value are allowed on these days only, but meals may **not be** planned to take the place of school lunches. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that all students have access to school meals daily. Clyde Elementary and Clyde Intermediate have designated the following exemption dates for campus celebrations:

Winter Break

Valentine's Day

End-of-Year

Individual Student Birthdays

In accordance with the Texas Department of Agriculture's Public School Nutrition Policy effective August 1, 2004, parents may only offer cupcakes or cookies to be distributed for student birthdays after the lunch period has ended. Handmade items cannot be brought into the classroom due to food safety and food allergies. All food items served to students must be prepared in a facility with current health inspection and permit. In addition, a list of product ingredients must be visible on the package to prevent contamination of food allergies. Students issuing invitations to individual birthday parties or other celebrations may only do so at school if all students in the homeroom class are invited. These birthday invitations must be passed out with permission from the teacher. Floral arrangements, balloons, cookie grams, etc., will be delivered at the end of the day in order to prevent interruptions in the instructional day.