

WHAT IS "FOOD BIOSECURITY"?

"Food Biosecurity" is the protection of food from bioterrorism or any intentional use of biological and chemical agents for the purpose of causing harm.

HOW DOES "FOOD BIOSECURITY DIFFER FROM "FOOD SAFETY"?

"Food Biosecurity" focuses on ways to limit the opportunity for someone to intentionally contaminate food for the purpose of causing harm or death. "Food Safety" focuses on ways to limit naturally occurring food contaminants and those caused by cross contamination and time/temperature abuse.

This plan is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.13 and the USDA's "Biosecurity Checklist for School Foodservice Programs".

- 1- The food service area will not be used for "special events" unless a member of the food service staff is on the food service premise. Please contact the food service site manager for hourly rates and to schedule required staff (973) 875-3101 Ext 1246. Exceptions will be considered for "in-house" special events where a district employee will be the staff member in charge of the event.
- 2- One authorized employee will be present in the food service area during all operating times. This may include district staff for "in-house" events only. This does not apply to outside organizations, including but not limited to booster clubs.
- 3- The foodservice will not permit any outside foods and/or medications from students, school staff or foodservice employees to be stored in the foodservice area. An exception may be considered for "in-house" special events where a district employee will be the staff member in charge of the event.
- 4- The ice making equipment will be monitored by the food service personnel or an approved district staff member.
- 5- All visitors and any unauthorized person must report to the main office before entering any foodservice area. They must complete a sign-in form and obtain a "School Visitor's Badge". An authorized school representative will accompany them to the appropriate food service site.

Event Name: _____ Event Date: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Event Person in Charge: _____ Cell: _____

I agree with the terms of this food biosecurity plan, accept all responsibility for food contamination, and will confirm security of the food service area to an authorized staff member at the close of this event.

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Authorized Staff Member to assume responsibility at the close of the event.