



*Savannah-Chatham County Public School System*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

SCCPSS takes the health of our students very seriously. That is why we want to inform you of some important changes with food offered to students during the Summer Program 2023.

America's Second Harvest of the Coastal Empire is providing lunches for the Summer Program. Second Harvest will also offer "grab and go" food items for breakfast. Second Harvest can make meal substitutions in the Summer Program by accommodating dairy-free, vegetarian, and vegan meal options. They also provide soy/almond milk instead of cow's milk, when requested. Please contact [kidscafe@helphunger.org](mailto:kidscafe@helphunger.org) and [smaier@helpendhunger.org](mailto:smaier@helpendhunger.org) or call (912) 236-6750 XT 2092 for these special meals.

If your child has a severe food allergy to foods such as wheat, peanut, fish, shellfish, soy, egg, tree nut, corn, food dye, or allergies to any other foods, we strongly recommend that you pack breakfast and lunches and plan accordingly. We are providing this advance notice so that you can address any food allergy concerns that are not removed with the meal substitutions offered above. Please consider managing your child's meals during the summer program, as not doing so could result in accidental allergen exposure. Your child's food allergy should not prevent them from participating in the Summer Program.

For the parents/guardians of students with a Diabetes Medical Management Plan, unlike during the regular school year, Second Harvest cannot offer carbohydrate counts. We want to communicate that total carbohydrate counts could be challenging to determine during the Summer Program, so parents/guardians of students with diabetes can plan accordingly for their child.

The information above aims to help you make the safest possible choices for your child, which may include providing food (breakfast/lunch) for your child. Please also keep in mind that Second Harvest cannot guarantee their kitchen will receive the same items every week due to the food chain shortage.

Finally, the nurse you have worked with throughout the school year likely will not be in the clinic during the Summer Program. We recommend that you contact the school and plan to meet with the UAP (Unlicensed Assistive Personnel) who is going to be in the health clinic at your child's summer school location to review your child's food allergy, Diabetic Medical Management Plan, and the technology your child uses in the treatment of diabetes, or any important health information.

Let's plan together for a safe and successful Summer Program!