

## FACS Department Allergen Statement



The Hinsdale Central Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) department strives to provide all students with the opportunity to educate themselves on culinary standards. Every attempt is made to *identify* ingredients that may cause allergic reactions for those with food allergies. A collaborative effort exists between the school nurse, the instructors, and students enrolled in foods courses on the severity of food allergies.

Hinsdale Township High School District 86 consults individually with students whom have food allergies to *minimize* allergic reactions. Please be advised that the items prepared in & shared between FACS courses may contain allergens, may have come in contact with items containing allergens, and there is always a risk of contamination or cross-contamination. There is also a possibility that manufacturers of the prepared foods we use could change the formulation or substitute at any time, without notice.

Students and families concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. Hinsdale Township High School District 86 will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to foods consumed, or items one may come in contact with while eating at Hinsdale Township High School District 86.

The top eight allergens are identified throughout the curriculum of each culinary course and are available for review upon request. These icons will guide students, staff, and parents in making safe nutritional choices. Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with documented allergies, these *may* include identifying allergens in recipes, providing alternative ingredients, eliminating ingredients (if airborne allergy noted in the medical plan), and others. The top 8 allergens *are* present within the culinary courses.

If you have any questions please contact the FACS department chair, Dawn Oler at [doler@hinsdale86.org](mailto:doler@hinsdale86.org).

**If your child has an allergy please contact the nurses office at 630-887-9172.**