Parents can breathe a sigh of relief as a majority of schools and colleges in the city have passed the litmus test conducted by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to check the quality of food served to students. However, the civic body found the sample taken from St Xavier’s School in Mirzapur to be of sub-standard quality.

The authorities had collected a sample of vegetable puff from the canteen at the school. The civic body declared food samples taken from the remaining 27 educational institutes, including St Xavier’s Loyola in Memnagar and St Xavier’s High School in Hansol, to be safe. According to rules laid down by the Food Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), the school authorities can oppose the findings and get the food tested at an FSSAI laboratory in Ghaziabad within a period of 30 days.

The AMC will submit a written complaint to the deputy collector of Ahmedabad if no appeal is made by school authorities within this time period. AMC Additional Health Officer Bhavin Joshi told Mirror, “We had undertaken a drive in 28 schools and colleges in the months of June and July, during which we collected food samples from their canteens. We have undertaken appropriate action against a school where the food was found sub-standard.”

Parent of a boy studying at St Xavier’s Mirzapur, refusing to be named, told Mirror, “The school is compromising on the health of the students. It is the responsibility of the school management to ensure that hygienic food is served to the students.” Repeated attempts to contact school principal Fr Titus DeCosta proved fruitless.
Safe food samples

- Anandniketan School
- St Xavier’s Loyola
- St Xavier’s High School
- Diwan Ballubhal
- Swaminarayan International School
- Adani Vidyamandir
- Hiramani School and Hostel
- Satva Vikas School
- Vedant International School
- Zebar School
- Udgam School
- Zydus School for Excellence
- Mahatma Gandhi International School
- LJ College
- Silver Oak Campus
- IIMA Campus
- Vishwakarma Engineering College
- Doctor-Student Mess, GCS Hospital
- Royal Homes PG
- Khodiyar Canteen
- Swaminarayan Mess
- Vishwakarma Engg College Boys’ Hostel
- Gujarat Research and Medical Institute
- Bhavsar Hostel Mess
- Gujarat University
- Swarnim AMC Dental College
- Swaminarayan Gurukul Sarvajeev Hitawah Trust