

REGULATION ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Responsible Offices: OFFICE OF FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES

A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for development, implementation, and review of the policy on Nutrition Services.

B. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

1. Regulations apply to all foods and beverages made available to students in schools or through school-sponsored events on the school campus, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Classroom lessons
 - b. Vending machines
 - c. A la carte Sales
 - d. Beverage contracts
 - e. Fundraisers
 - f. Concession stands
 - g. School stores
 - h. Food brought from home for classes or groups of students
 - i. Student rewards
 - j. School parties/celebrations/dances/athletic events/concerts/picnics/field days/fairs/festivals, etc.
 - k. Donations of food and beverages
2. No food or beverage offered for sale on school premises shall compete with the National School Meals Program, from 12:01 am until after the end of the instructional day.
3. The sale or distribution of Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value is prohibited on the school campus from 12:01 am until after the end of the instructional day.

Foods included in this category provide less than five percent of the Reference Daily Intakes (RDI) for eight specific nutrients (protein, vitamin A, ascorbic acid, niacin, riboflavin, thiamin, calcium, and iron) per 100 calories and less than five percent of the RDI for each of the eight specified nutrients per serving. Food of Minimal Nutritional Value include, but are not limited to:

- a. Soda water (includes soda)
 - b. Water ice
 - c. Chewing gum
 - d. Certain candies including hard candy, jellies, and gums, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, and spun candy
 - e. Candy-coated popcorn
4. All vending machines shall have and use a timing device to automatically prohibit access to the vending machines from 12:01 am until after the end of the instructional day. Vending machines that are not accessible to students are exempt from the above limitations.
 5. For the safety and security of the food and each facility, access to food service facilities is limited to authorized personnel.
 6. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plans and guidelines shall be implemented to prevent food borne illness. Commercially processed, shelf stable foods in sealed containers are not potentially hazardous and are exempt.
 7. Department of Health regulations require that food served to the public must be prepared in a licensed facility. The license for the Office of Food and Nutrition Services is not transferable to outside caterers or groups applying for use of the facilities. However, such groups are invited to apply for use of the Food and Nutrition Services' kitchen facilities, in accordance with guidelines provided by Anne Arundel County Public Schools' "Community Use of School Facilities" Handbook. School principals maintain a copy of the handbook in their school office.
 8. Schools shall meet COMAR guidelines regarding safe and healthy food and beverage preparation, handling, and storage. These guidelines are outlined in the "Community Use of School Facilities" handbook and can also be obtained through the Office of Food and Nutrition Services.
 9. Activities involving food are restricted as follows:
 - a. Classroom activities that involve cooking or serving, except as defined in the curriculum for Family and Consumer Science and Life Skills, must meet the requirements of sections 3 and 8 above.

- b. Other classroom activities involving food cannot be scheduled until after the end of the last lunch period. Exceptions include food that is medically required or provided as a snack or refreshment. Foods provided must meet the requirements of sections 3 and 8 above.
 - c. School-sponsored special events such as picnics, field days, parties, fairs, and festivals must follow food and beverage specifications and regulations in sections 3, 7, and 8 above.
- 10. Food and beverages of minimal nutritional value should not be used as an educational tool or offered as a reward for achievement or good behavior.
 - 11. Nutrition values for food and beverages sold or provided by Food and Nutrition Services to students will be made readily available to parents, students, and members of the community by the Office of Food and Nutrition Services.

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