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Food in Classrooms

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I. PURPOSE

The serving of food other than at designated meal programs in the school can be a worthwhile and rewarding addition to the curriculum. The purpose of this policy is to establish general rules for the serving of foods in non-nutrition services provided school meal programs.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF REGULATION

- A. The decision to serve foods in the classroom as part of the curriculum shall be made by the teacher. Food shall not be served as a reward, incentive or as part of a personal celebration whether prepared by the teacher or by a student or student's family, unless the food served is part of a student's IEP (Individual Education Plan) or IAP (Individual Accommodation Plan).
- B. Teachers shall notify principals when food will be provided students as part of the curriculum in their classrooms.
- C. Teachers shall consult with the Licensed School Nurse for the school or program to determine if there exist any health concerns for students in the classes in which she or he intends to serve food to make the necessary accommodations in plans to make sure that there is no negative impact on any student's health.
- D. Teachers shall provide for the necessary disposal of unused food, utensils and service dishes in an appropriate manner.
- E. Teachers shall determine what food is served in the classroom based on the following:
 - 1. Students' health concerns, including conditions such as diabetes, food allergies, or dietary restrictions;
 - 2. Students' non-health based dietary restrictions;
 - 3. Compliance with the district and school wellness guidelines and plans;
 - 4. Time constraints of the instructional day;
 - 5. Compliance with the other requirements of this regulation.
- F. All foods and beverages served in a classroom must:
 - 1. Be commercially prepared; or prepared by the District's nutrition services department;
 - 2. Be served with single service containers and utensils.



- G. Foods and beverages served in a classroom should be appropriate in quantity and quality for consumption by students.
- H. Teachers must provide for appropriate hand washing and dental hygiene practices.
- I. Teachers must insist on proper hygiene in serving food to students, including hand washing and the use of appropriate serving utensils.
- J. Classrooms may not use Nutrition Services equipment, supplies, utensils or storage for classroom food use or services.

Legal References:

Cross References:

MPS Policy 3550 (Nutrition Services)

MPS Policy 6690 (Health/ Nutrition / Wellness Education)

MPS Regulation 6138A (Guidelines on Observances of Religious Holidays)

MPS Wellness Policy Guidelines (publication)