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8510.01 - CHILD NUTRITION STANDARDS

Good nutrition enhances learning and the quality of life. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a school environment that promotes optimal nutrition for students.

Operational Definitions

- A. "Bottled water" or "Water" is defined as plain natural water with or without carbonation and containing no additives.
- B. "Beverages" and allowable limits will be determined and defined by USDA Smart Snacks guidelines, with the exception of caffeine. Caffeine is prohibited from being sold, served, or distributed in West Virginia public schools.
- C. "Child Nutrition Director" is defined as the person responsible for administering, planning, directing, assessing, implementing, and evaluating child nutrition programs in order to meet the nutritional and educational needs of students, as they relate to the child nutrition program; may also be titled as "Food Service Director" or "School Nutrition Director."
- D. "Competitive Foods" is defined as any food item that is sold in competition to the reimbursable school meal.
- E. "Food Service Area" is defined as any area on school premises where reimbursable meals are served and/or consumed by students.
- F. "School Day" for nutritional purposes, is defined by USDA guidelines as the period from midnight before to thirty (30) minutes after the official school day.

- A. Water bottles must have secure caps.
- B. Students may not share water bottles.
- C. Empty bottles should, on a regular basis, be recycled (if appropriate), discarded, or taken home for sanitation and reuse.
- D. Students misusing water bottles will be subject to disciplinary action.
- E. Teachers have discretion in determining classroom use.
- F. Water bottles should not be used in computer labs, science labs, or the library.
- G. Other _____

Adequate Time for Meal Consumption

Adequate time is necessary for student meal consumption. Each student shall be allowed a minimum of ten (10) minutes for breakfast and twenty (20) minutes for lunch after the student received the meal.

Staffing

Each Superintendent shall designate a School Nutrition Program Director according to the criteria listed below. The school nutrition director must hold an authorization endorsed as school nutrition program director that is approved and issued by the WVDE. The School Nutrition Director is directly responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of food service for all participating schools under the jurisdiction of the school.

The applicant for licensure must provide evidence of satisfying the following:

- A. at a minimum, hold a bachelor's degree and a minimum 2.5 overall GPA including six (6) semester hours of coursework related to nutrition, food, and/or food service management or WVDE approved training as provided by the OCN. The six (6) semester hours or approved training must be completed within ninety (90) days of the start date. The applicant for licensure must also provide evidence of at least eight (8) hours of food safety training obtained no more than five years prior to or within thirty (30) days of start date.
- B. Receive the recommendation of the Superintendent verifying that the applicant is the most qualified candidate for the position.

The Temporary Authorization for School Nutrition Directory shall be valid for three (3) school years.

The applicant for renewal of the Temporary Authorization for School Nutrition Program Director must provide evidence of satisfying the following:

- A. completion of twelve (12) clock hours of job-specific training each year related to child nutrition programs;
- B. must maintain a valid food safety certification while employed in the school meal program.

Wellness Policy

The Board must establish a local wellness policy for all schools participating in the NSLP and/or SBP under the jurisdiction of the Board. The District wellness policy is a Federal requirement that must include methods to promote student wellness, prevent and reduce childhood obesity, and provide assurance that school meals and other foods and beverages sold and otherwise made available on the school campus during the school day are consistent with applicable Federal and State standards. The policy must include specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness; standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods

The District may conduct an annual Districtwide survey of public-school students to determine their noninstructional or nontraditional remote learning and virtual school day eating patterns and the availability of nutritious food to them when schools are closed. The West Virginia Office of Child Nutrition may assist and facilitate with this survey to determine the need for supplemental food services. A student shall not be required, as part of any applicable program, to submit to a survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information as per Board policy 2416.

The District may collect and compile information regarding the availability of food resources in the District during noninstructional or nontraditional remote learning days as well as include a plan that includes virtual school students and distribute this information to all students. These resources may include any public, private, religious group, or charity that will provide food to children with food insecurity.

The District may investigate and implement any program that ma

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