

Purpose

To establish the food service program in schools

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

The Allegany County Public Schools will operate a food service program in compliance with the regulations and guidelines adopted by National School Lunch Program, the Maryland State Department of Education, and the Allegany County Health Department.

The Supervisor of Food Service will coordinate with school principals, the proper functioning of the food service program in each school. Food services will include hot lunches, breakfasts and after-school snacks as regulated by the National School Lunch Program. Free and reduced-priced meals will be provided to students who qualify according to State and Federal guidelines.

Students will also be permitted to bring lunches from home and purchase approved beverages and ala-carte items. The use of vending machines during school hours shall comply with all state, federal and local policies and regulations pertaining to the school food service program.

The sale of food items within schools or the delivery of food from outside vendors for student consumption during school hours shall be prohibited.

Any vending machine located in the cafeteria that distributes nutritious food items as approved by USDA, will be under the control of the Food and Nutrition Services Department and will be available to students during the breakfast and lunch shifts.

Student access to vending machines, not under the control of the Food and Nutrition Service Department, will be unavailable to students from 12:01 AM until the end of the school day. It is recommended that these vending machines be located in areas of the building away from the cafeteria.

The primary responsibility for collecting money owed to the Food and Nutrition Service Department will be in accordance with Policy JQA.

The food services program will maintain a financial management system as outlined in the agreement with the state and financial accounting reporting handbook published by the Maryland State Department of Education.

No student shall be denied food service program benefits because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender identity or expression, genetic information, sexual orientation, physical characteristics or disability.

Legal Reference	Code of Maryland Regulations	Title 13A.06.01	
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