

760 FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES PROGRAM

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids believes:

- That a healthy, well-nourished child is better prepared to learn.
- In providing meals and nutrition services for all its students and staff. The District may also provide services to programs outside the District when resources allow and when mutual benefits are derived.
- All children need to receive nutritionally adequate meals and nutrition education. The District will design the School Food and Nutrition Program to encourage students to participate.
- The School Food and Nutrition Program shall serve as a learning laboratory to the instructional program as needed, providing nutritional information and food service technology as related to the curriculum.
- The District shall promote public policy that will provide adequate funding for child nutrition programs in the schools.

Goals of the Wisconsin Rapids School Food and Nutrition Program

1. Encourage and support the implementation of a nutritionally adequate, developmentally appropriate, educationally sound, financially accountable, non-profit school food and nutrition program that meets USDA requirements.
2. Ensure that all students eligible for free or reduced meals have received information regarding this opportunity so low-income children can have healthy food available at reduced/free pricing.
3. Work for the highest standards in the school food and nutrition program with emphasis on nutritionally sound meals and healthy food choices that meet or exceed USDA guidelines and are acceptable to students.
4. Ensure maximum participation in the school meals program by promoting the program to parents, staff and students, and seeking their input on menu development and program design.
5. Plan menus that consider the cultural diversity of the students in the district and allow students to try new foods as part of the learning experience.
6. Serve meals in a pleasant environment with sufficient time for eating, while fostering good manners and respect for fellow students.
7. Encourage the use of fresh fruits and vegetables on the menu when economically feasible.
8. Obtain information from vendors, when available, regarding their position on bovine growth hormone and genetically modified foods; minimize or eliminate the use of these products when scientific evidence supports this need and sufficient labeling and vendor information is available.
9. Encourage and develop the highest standards and provide appropriate educational programs for professional growth of the school food and nutrition personnel.

Strategies

- A. Integration into the Curriculum
 - 1. Integrate eating experiences and nutrition education into the curriculum when applicable.
- B. Student Participation
 - 1. Solicit student preferences in planning menus through direct student feedback, taste tests and surveys.
- C. Nutrition Education and Professional Development
 - 1. Provide regular professional development to enable the Food Service staff to become full partners in providing excellent food to our students.
 - 2. Serve as a resource to teachers and Food Service staff on nutrition education topics.
- D. Public Policy
 - 1. Request that State and Federal representatives support legislation for child nutrition programs or other laws that may impact the nutritional health of our students/customers.
- E. Community Use of School District Property
 - 1. District facilities, including school kitchens, shall be available to community based groups for their use and enjoyment under terms established by the Board of Education.

The Food and Nutrition Program shall deliver a program consistent with the District and community beliefs, needs and resources. Students in the school district shall have an opportunity to participate in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Special Milk Program at schools where each program is offered. Students in secondary buildings may also choose from a-la-carte food selections. The district administrator or designee, in accordance with established guidelines, shall administer these programs.

The Board shall establish meal prices annually.

The Food and Nutrition Program shall be operated in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture policy.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All discrimination complaints submitted to the District regarding any of the Child Nutrition Programs will be sent to the WI Department of Public Instruction's School Nutrition Team within 5 days of receiving the complaint per USDA regulations.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 115.34 Wisconsin Statutes
 115.341
 115.343
 118.13
 120.10(16)
 120.13(6) and (10)
 PI 9.03(1), Wisconsin Administrative Code
 PL 91-248
 PL 94-105

CROSS REF.: 411-Rule, Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedures

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