

FOOD BROUGHT FROM HOME

POLICY: The integrity and quality of the nutrition program will be always maintained.

PURPOSE: To avoid the possibility of introducing bacteria to the children.
To provide consistently nutritious foods.
To educate parents/legal guardians to the dietary needs of the children.
To always maintain a safe and healthy environment for the children.

PROCEDURE:

1. Food brought from home must meet the standards for this center.
2. Food brought from home shall not be shared with other children, due to the risk of allergies. Staff should closely supervise children while eating, to ensure home foods are not shared.
3. Foods must be safe, as evidenced by, the "Choking Foods" procedure.
4. Center personnel will not allow known choking foods to be consumed at the center.
5. Foods brought from home must fulfill the same nutritive values as food served at the center.
6. Foods prepared for parties or events must be approved by the Director or Food Service Personnel before being brought to the center.
7. Foods that require refrigeration must be transported and stored at 40°F or less.
8. Parents/legal guardian shall not provide homemade formulas for infants. Only commercial infant formulas will be used.