

FOOD SAFETY POLICY

The mission of the West Salem School District is to promote and protect the health of all school community members consuming food on school premises by maintaining food safety standards. Food distributed throughout our schools is of high quality and safe to eat. To protect and maintain a safe school environment, it is the policy of the West Salem Board of Education to:

1. Require good hand washing techniques, using soap and water, for students and staff after toileting, diapering a child or assisting a child with toileting needs, after personal use of rest room facilities and before participating in any school meals or treats/snacks. Hand washing is required even if gloves have been used.
2. Expect that school events requiring food preparation and service will be organized in accordance with state and county food safety and sanitation guidelines. These guidelines include, hand washing facilities easily accessible, preparation requirements, food holding temperatures and serving requirements.
3. Require all food and beverages to be prepared in a clean and sanitized area. Nothing is to be washed or prepared for consumption, in bathroom sinks, custodial areas or classrooms where food borne illness or chemical contamination may occur.
4. Encourage all staff and students to bring commercially prepared or individually wrapped treats when distributing them to others.

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