MSD: School Food Sales, Fundraising, Celebrations, and Meal Environment

All food sold on campus to students and staff during the school day shall be consistent with applicable federal and state nutrition standards. Reimbursable meals shall meet, at minimum, National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program requirements. Food service staff shall complete required annual professional standards training.

Food and beverages sold during the school day through vending machines, school stores, school-sponsored fundraising, or other school-controlled sales shall comply with Smart Snack rules unless an exemption applies under this policy. Schools are encouraged to plan fundraisers that promote physical activity, good nutrition, healthy products, positive health habits, or non-food items. Competitive foods and fundraisers should not be sold in competition with school meal times.

Schools are encouraged to set guidelines for celebrations that involve food during the school day. Celebrations involving food should occur after lunch whenever reasonably possible. Food offered for celebrations or school activities should be commercially prepared or commercially packaged when required for student safety and food handling. Food or beverages, especially items that do not meet nutritional guidelines, shall not be used as a reward for academic performance or good behavior, and food shall not be withheld from a student as punishment.

Meals shall be served in areas that are clean, safe, and have adequate room for students to eat. Students should be given adequate time to eat, including at least ten minutes of seat time at breakfast and twenty minutes of seat time at lunch where practicable. Drinking water shall be readily available to students and staff throughout the school day, including during meals.

Source: MSD Policy 3140, Wellness, approved 2022.