

POLICY #5501

FOOD SERVICES PROGRAMS

1. PHILOSOPHY

The Surrey Board of Education believes that schools have an important role to play in the health and career education of students through programs that encourage the development of healthy eating habits and marketable skills for entry into the food services industry.

1.1. Career Education Programs

The board believes schools should provide educational programs that encourage the development of practical work skills and positive work attitudes.

1.2. Food Services

The board believes that schools should offer nutritious food choices to students and staff.

2. AUTHORITY

2.1. Career Education Programs

The board has assigned the responsibility for the direction and consistent delivery of ministry-approved curriculum to the superintendent of schools or designate.

2.2. Food Services

The board has assigned the responsibility for the establishment and maintenance of district food service standards and the cost-effective and efficient operations of all district food service areas, including but not limited to the Teaching Kitchens and Canteens, to the secretary-treasurer or designate.

3. PRINCIPLES

3.1. Career Education Programs

The Career Education Program will provide quality education in commercial food preparation following ministry-approved curriculum, giving students experience in food service operations including the provision of cafeteria

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services. The Career Education Program facilitates the students' entry into more advanced training programs.

3.2. Food Services

All food services operations will maintain high levels of food quality, cleanliness and safety in compliance with all governmental regulations and school district standards.

3.3. District Food Services

- a) All district food service operations will provide nutritious foods at reasonable prices, following the *Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools*, issued by the Ministries of Education and Health.
- b) All district food service operations will maintain sound, cost-effective, and efficient business practices.

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