

Jackson County Early Childhood Programs  
Program Policies and Procedures  
Health, Safety, & Nutrition

Procedure for parties and foods from outside sources

**Health Program Services**

**POLICY:**

Nutritional services are implemented to ensure that children receive culturally and developmentally appropriate meals, including children with special dietary needs and/or disabilities.

- *This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standard 1302.44 (a)*

**PROCEDURE:**

1. All foods provided to students must comply with Head Start guidelines and licensing regulations.
2. The Grantee's food service provider will provide breakfast, lunch, and a snack for all students. A monthly menu will be provided to all classrooms and families.
3. Any food for parties and/or celebrations ~~must be store-bought, pre-packaged, and unopened.~~ will be provided by the Jackson County Early Childhood Program.
4. Foods required for nutritional activities that support the curriculum will be provided by the program as scheduled. ~~Teaching staff may purchase any additional food items they would like to use to enhance the current lesson/curriculum.~~

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**Approval:**

Policy change that relates to Head Start Performance Standard 1302.44(a)  
(Policy and Procedure for Parties and food from outside sources)

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