

Child Nutrition Services (CNS) Campus Food Pantry Guidelines

What is the purpose of a Campus Food Pantry?

To reduce food waste through the distribution of surplus non-perishable food items to students.

Who can participate in the Campus Food Pantry?

Students only. Adults and teachers are not allowed to participate.

HOW DOES THE CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY WORK?

Approved food items are sorted and donated by the cafeteria manager. Donations should not be accepted by campus teachers/staff.

The designee appointed by campus administration is responsible for the scheduling, monitoring, distributing, and storage of donated food items. The designee must complete the registration process with CNS and obtain a Food Handler's License.

The designee must be a member of a non-profit organization such as PTA/PTO or the SAISD Foundation.

The Campus Food Pantry must be in a designated location on the campus that is safe for holding food items and approved by CNS.

Students may visit the Campus Food Pantry and select items to consume during the school day or for later consumption.



WHAT ITEMS ARE ALLOWED TO BE DONATED?

The following items may be donated to the Campus Food Pantry:

- Unopened Cereal Containers
- Uncut, Fresh Fruit (Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Pears)
- Unopened Fruit Cups or Applesauce
- Unopened Dried Fruit Packs
- Unopened Snack Packs – Crackers, Grahams, Pretzels, Chex, Cereal Bars, etc.

HOW MANY ITEMS CAN STUDENTS SELECT?

- There is not a limit on how many items students can select.
- Students may consume items during the school day or keep items for later consumption.
- Campus faculty and staff are not responsible for policing when the students consume selected items.

WHAT ABOUT STUDENTS ON A SPECIAL DIET?

Students on a special diet are discouraged from participating in the Campus Food Pantry. Special diet food items cannot be donated to the Campus Food Pantry.

The Campus Food Pantry is not coordinated with the CNS Manager. For questions concerning Campus Food Pantries please contact a member of the Child Nutrition Services Department at 210-554-2290 or visit the CNS website

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