

## SCHOOL MEALS AND SNACKS

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) promotes high-quality school meals and snacks, recognizing that students need adequate, nourishing food in order to learn, grow, and maintain good health. It strives to provide an environment conducive to good health by supporting nutrition education and physical education. To reinforce the school division’s nutrition education program, foods sold during regular school hours (on school premises) will follow the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Additionally, snacks and fundraisers during regular school hours and on school premises will follow the USDA’s Smart Snacks in School standards, unless qualifying for a “competitive foods” exemption as described in Regulation JHCH-R.

ACPS eliminates any stigma attached to, and prevents public identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced priced meals. In addition, students who do not have money on account or in hand to cover the cost of a meal at the time of service will be permitted to charge a full meal in accordance with the procedures discussed in Regulation JHCH-R.

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Legal Refs: U.S. Department of Agriculture, SP 46-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies, July 8, 2016.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, SP 47-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments, July 8, 2016.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-207.

Virginia Board of Education, A Resolution to Establish and Define Exemptions for School-Sponsored Fundraisers Pending Incorporation in the Proposed Regulations Governing Nutritional Guidelines for Competitive Foods Available for Sale in the Public Schools (Nov. 19, 2015).

Cross Refs: EFB Free and Reduced Price Food Services  
IGAE/IGAF Health Education/Physical Education  
JHCF Student Wellness  
JHCF-R Wellness Guidelines for the Alexandria City Public Schools  
JHCF-R2 Food Allergy Guidelines  
JHCH-R Regulations for School Meals and Snacks  
JL Fund Raising and Solicitation  
KQ Commercial, Promotional, and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships