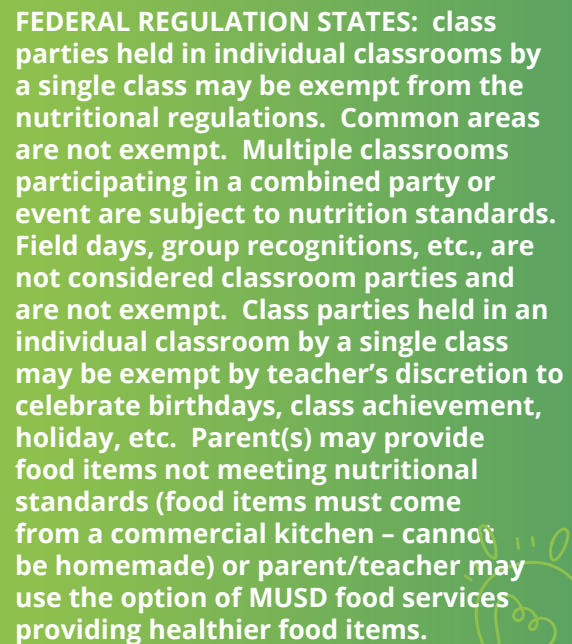


- After obtaining food, students will be provided adequate time (minimum of 20 minutes) to eat lunch.
- All food service personnel will have adequate training in food service operations including professional development in the area of food and nutrition. Food service personnel will also be in compliance with the New Professional Standards requirement from USDA which is effective July 1, 2015. The standards, another key provision of the Health, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), aim to institute minimum education standards for local school nutrition directors as well as annual training standards for all school nutrition professionals. These standards will ensure school nutrition personnel have the knowledge, training, and tools they need to plan, prepare, and purchase health products to create nutritious, safe and enjoyable school meals. This final rule will create minimum hiring standards for new school food authority (SFA) directors based on a school district's size and require minimum annual training for all new and current school nutrition professionals.
- Students shall be provided a pleasant environment in which to eat lunch.
- MUSD will share and publicize information about the nutritional content of meals with students and parents.
- Our district will provide peanut free zones and comply with special dietary needs for students as defined in the ADE special dietary needs manual.
- Our district will regulate the nutritional quality of ALL a la carte items sold; regulating calorie, sugar, or saturated fat content of ALL items sold.
- Our school district will provide a specific and restricted list of food items allowed to be served/distributed. Consumption of food and beverages during the normal school day will follow USDA nutrition standards. Any class party will be held after lunch if possible.

FEDERAL REGULATION STATES: class parties held in individual classrooms by a single class may be exempt from the nutritional regulations. Common areas are not exempt. Multiple classrooms participating in a combined party or event are subject to nutrition standards. Field days, group recognitions, etc., are not considered classroom parties and are not exempt. Class parties held in an individual classroom by a single class may be exempt by teacher's discretion to celebrate birthdays, class achievement, holiday, etc. Parent(s) may provide food items not meeting nutritional standards (food items must come from a commercial kitchen - cannot be homemade) or parent/teacher may use the option of MUSD food services providing healthier food items.



Nutritional Guidelines for all Foods on Campus

- MUSD is a peanut restricted/peanut aware district. Food service staff are not responsible for unknown allergens.
- MUSD will regulate all food items sold including foods and beverages sold through vending machines, school stores and concessions, and will be consistent with federal and state nutrition guidelines, following the Smart Snack Rule that was effective July 1, 2014. This includes all PTO food and beverage sales during school hours.
- Food and Drug Administration Requirements for Vending Machines CACF-09-2016 published December 1, 2014; final rule NSLP institutions must comply by December 1, 2016. Items in vending machines will be required to have calorie labels so consumers have clear and regular nutrition information, allowing them to make informed and healthy choices when purchasing.
- The normal school day includes before, during and after school, but does not include special events, such as athletic contests or performances held outside the normal school day. The normal school day is considered midnight to 30 minutes after the last bell.
- No outside food items will be allowed during breakfast and lunch serving times.
- Fundraising activities should support healthy eating and wellness following the nutrition standards. For the sale of food and/or beverages that do not meet the smart snack rule standards a revision was made in April 2015. Per memo HNS#4-2015 – all exemption requests for fundraisers by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be approved by the Arizona Department of Education. ADE will track the number of exemptions granted and only take action to alter this policy if one or more LEAs abuse the policy. While ADE recognizes the importance of nutrition