WAC 110-301-0195 Food service, equipment, and practices. (1) A school-age provider preparing or serving food must comply with the current DOH Washington State Food and Beverage Workers' Manual and supervise services that prepare or deliver food to the school-age program.

(2) Snacks and meals must be prepared and served by a school-age provider who possesses a valid and current food worker card pursuant to WAC 110-301-0106(10).

(3) A school-age provider must:

(a) Supply durable and developmentally appropriate individual eating and drinking equipment, or developmentally appropriate single use disposable items;

(b) Clean and sanitize eating and drinking equipment after each use. Water bottles or cups designated for a single child must be cleaned and sanitized daily;

(c) Ensure plastic eating and drinking equipment does not contain BPA (a chemical used in hard plastic bottles and as a protective lining in food and beverage cans) or have cracks or chips;

(d) Use gloves, utensils, or tongs to serve food;

(e) Serve meals or snacks on plates, dishware, containers, trays, or napkins or paper towels, if appropriate. Food should not be served directly on the eating surface; and

(f) Be respectful of each child's cultural food practices.

(4) A school-age provider must:

(a) Serve each child individually or serve family style dining, allowing each child the opportunity to practice skills such as passing shared serving bowls and serving themselves; and

(b) Sit with children during meals, when possible.

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