

WAC 110-300-0196 Food sources. (1) Food prepared and served from an early learning program must not be tampered with or spoiled.

(2) Food prepared and served from an early learning program must be obtained from an approved source licensed and inspected by the local health jurisdiction, the Washington state department of agriculture (WSDA), or the USDA. Food items not approved to be served to children in care include:

(a) Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, or milk that has not been inspected by the USDA or WSDA;

(b) Home canned food;

(c) Game meat or other meat that has not been inspected by the WSDA or USDA;

(d) Leftover food that was previously served from outside of the early learning program; or

(e) Food from roadside stands selling without a permit.

(3) Food not prepared on-site by an early learning provider, pursuant to WAC 110-300-0195(2), must be provided by:

(a) A licensed food establishment, kitchen, or catering business that meets food service requirements (chapter 246-215 WAC) and is regularly inspected by a local health jurisdiction;

(b) A parent or guardian for their own children; or

(c) A manufacturer of prepackaged food.

(4) Fruits and vegetables (produce) grown on-site in a garden as part of an early learning program may be served to children as part of a meal or snack. Prior to preparing and serving:

(a) The produce must be thoroughly washed and scrubbed in running cold water to remove soil and other contaminants;

(b) Damaged or bruised areas on the produce must be removed; and

(c) Produce that shows signs of rotting must be discarded.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020. WSR 24-19-056, s 110-300-0196, filed 9/13/24, effective 10/14/24. WSR 18-15-001, recodified as § 110-300-0196, filed 7/5/18, effective 7/5/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.070, 43.215.201 and chapter 42.56 RCW. WSR 18-14-079, § 170-300-0196, filed 6/30/18, effective 8/1/19.]