

WAC 110-301-0198 Food preparation areas. (1) A school-age provider must clean and sanitize food preparation areas and eating surfaces before and after each use, pursuant to WAC 110-301-0241(1).

(2) For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, the school-age program's food preparation area or kitchen must have:

(a) Walls, counter tops, floors, cabinets, and shelves that are:

(i) Maintained in good repair including, but not limited to, being properly sealed without chips, cracks, or tears; and

(ii) Moisture resistant.

(b) A properly maintained and vented range hood, exhaust fan, or operable window, if applicable; and

(c) A properly maintained and working refrigerator, freezer, or a combination refrigerator and freezer with sufficient space for proper storage and cooling of food.

(3) A school-age provider must:

(a) Clean and sanitize a sink immediately before using it to prepare food to be served to children in care;

(b) Use a colander or other method to prevent food and kitchen utensils from touching the sink basin; and

(c) Clean dishes, pans, and kitchen utensils as follows:

(i) Clean and sanitize with an automatic dishwasher that uses heat or chemicals to sanitize; or

(ii) Handwash, rinse, sanitize, and allow to air dry.

(4) Any program that does not operate on public or private school premises licensed after the date this chapter becomes effective must have:

(a) A handwashing sink separate from dishwashing facilities;

(b) A food preparation sink located in the food preparation area; and

(c) A method to clean and sanitize dishes, pans, kitchen utensils, and equipment in the food preparation area using:

(i) A two-compartment sink and an automatic dishwasher that sanitizes with heat or chemicals; or

(ii) A three-compartment sink method (sink one is used to wash, sink two is used to rinse, sink three contains a sanitizer, and the dishes are allowed to air dry).

(5) A school-age provider may use the kitchen for actively supervised cooking or food preparation activities with children in care.

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