

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND/OR FOOD PRODUCTS

The Westfield Public Schools recognizes its responsibilities towards protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its students by regulating the distribution of food and/or food products to students during the school day, on school grounds and at school-sponsored activities.

For this reason, the school district prohibits the distribution of any food and/or food product except under the following conditions:

1. Distribution authorized in connection with a school-sponsored activity or organization, provided that an appropriate staff member and/or administrator has granted permission for such distribution.
2. Distribution by an individual over the age of eighteen, other than a student, who has the permission of an appropriate staff member or administrator.
3. Distribution by district's food service provider (i.e. meals served in school cafeterias).
4. Distribution resulting from the sale of food items through vending machines.

For purposes of this regulation, food and/or food product means an item or substance, including liquids, which is generally recognized as consumable and edible. Food includes such items as soda, candy and baked goods.

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