

Nutrition Policy

**St. Veronica School
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St. Veronica School recognizes that child and adolescent obesity has reached epidemic levels in the United States and that poor diet combined with the lack of physical activity negatively impacts on students' health, and their ability and motivation to learn. This school is committed to:

- providing students with healthy and nutritious foods;
- encouraging the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat milk and whole grains;
- supporting healthy eating through nutrition education;
- encouraging students to select and consume all components of the school meal; and
- providing students with the opportunity to engage in daily physical activity.

All reimbursable meals shall meet Federal nutrient standards as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Program regulations.

The following items may not be served, sold, or given out as a free promotion anywhere on school property at anytime before the end of the school day:

- foods of minimal nutritious value(FMNV) as defined by U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations;
- all food and beverage items listing sugar, in any form, as the first ingredient; and
- all forms of candy.

St. Veronica School shall reduce the purchase of any products containing trans fats and will ensure Federal labeling of trans fats on all food products as required.

All snack and beverage items sold or served anywhere on school property during the school day, including items sold in a la carte lines, vending machines, snack bars, shall meet the following standards:

1. Based on manufacturers nutritional data or nutrient fact labels;
 - No more than eight grams of total fat per serving, with the exception of nuts and seeds.
 - No more than two grams of saturated fat per serving.

2. All beverages shall not exceed 12 ounces, with the following exceptions:
 - Water.
 - Milk containing two percent or less fat.
3. Whole milk shall not exceed eight ounces.

In St. Veronica School 100% of all beverages offered shall be milk, water, or 100% fruit or vegetable juices.

Food and beverages served during special school celebrations or during curriculum related activities shall be exempt from this policy, with the exception of foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by USDA regulations.

This policy does not apply to: medically authorized special needs diets pursuant to 7 CFR Part 210; school nurses using FMNVs during the course of providing health care to individual students; or special needs students whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates their use for behavior modification.

Adequate time shall be allowed for student meal service and consumption. We shall provide a pleasant dining environment. Physical education or recess shall be scheduled daily.

St. Veronica School's curriculum shall incorporate nutrition education and physical activity consistent with the New Jersey Department of Education Core Curriculum Standards.

St. Veronica School is committed to promoting the Nutrition Policy with all food service personnel, teachers, nurses, coaches, and other school administrative staff so that they will have the skills they need to implement this policy and promote healthy eating practices. The school will work toward expanding awareness about this policy among students, parents, teachers, and the community at large.