

#### **4.58—FOOD SHARING AND ITS REMOVAL FROM FOOD SERVICE AREA - School Board Policy**

##### **Food Sharing Table**

To reduce wasted food and to provide students access to healthy foods when possible, the District shall have in the district cafeteria a food-sharing table located at the end of the service line. Before leaving the service line, students may place on or retrieve items from the table, at no additional charge, any of the following:

- Raw whole fruit traditionally eaten without the peel (e.g., bananas and oranges);
- Raw whole fruit traditionally eaten with the peel, provided the fruit is wrapped to prevent contamination (e.g., apples and grapes);
- Raw whole vegetables provided that the vegetable is wrapped to prevent contamination (e.g., carrot sticks);
- Milk; and
- Juice

Fruit and vegetables to be shared are to be placed into a designated container on the table. Milk and Juice to be shared are to be placed in an ice-filled cooler. Milk and juice may not be taken by another student unless the carton is unopened and is completely covered by ice while in the cooler. A student may not return to the table to place an item for sharing after the student has left the service line.

At all times, the sharing table will be under the supervision of the food service staff. The remaining items should be discarded at the end of the meal period, and no item may remain on the table for longer than four (4) hours.

##### **Removing Food Items from the Food Service Area**

No student shall remove school-provided food items from the food service area at the end of the meal period, especially milk, juice, and other items requiring temperature-controlled environments.

Except for food service workers as required by their job duties, District employees may only remove school-provided food items from the food service area when required by a 504 plan or a student's IEP.

Legal References: Commissioner's Memo FIN 08-076, Commissioner's Memo FIN 15-052  
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