

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>School Food and Beverages</b>		
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<b>References</b>			
Policy/Program Memorandum 150 "School Food and Beverage Policy"; BP 6802-D "Student Health Support (the Provision of Medical and/or Physical Assistance within the School)"; AP 6804-D "Anaphylaxis (Life-Threatening Allergic Reaction)"; BP 2105-D "Environmental Sustainability"; Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services 'Student Nutrition Program - Nutrition Guidelines'			

## **1.0 RATIONALE**

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board's Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board is committed to providing the school community with appropriate food and beverage choices. The implementation of this policy will provide a supportive environment and direction for the school community that demonstrates that the school values the health of students and staff.
- 1.3 Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 150 "School Food and Beverage Policy" provides nutrition standards for food and beverages sold in publicly funded elementary and secondary schools in Ontario. The requirements of this PPM will be, where feasible, coordinated with Bluewater District School Board's commitment to environmental sustainability, as outlined in BP 2105-D "Environmental Sustainability".

## **2.0 POLICY**

- 2.1 It is the policy of Bluewater District School Board that the nutritional value of food sold or provided within its schools will comply with federal and provincial legislation related to available food choices.
- 2.2 This policy applies to all food and beverages sold through all programs (e.g., catered lunch programs), in all venues (e.g., cafeteria, vending machines) and at all events (e.g., special food events, sporting events).
- 2.3 This policy does not apply to food and beverages that are offered in schools to students at no cost (see section 2.4), brought from home or purchased off school premises and are not for resale in schools, available for purchase during field trips off of school premises, sold in schools for non-school purposes (i.e., community use of schools for non-school-related event), sold in fundraising activities that occur off of school premises or sold in staff rooms.
- 2.4 Bluewater District School Board supports partnerships in the implementation of student nutrition programs (e.g., school councils, Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP)), offering food and beverages in all schools at no cost to students. These programs will allow for universal access and will be inclusive in nature to address student hunger and provide a positive social atmosphere for all students. Student nutrition programs are typically funded by a combination of financial resources, including but not limited to, parent/guardian contributions, local community fundraising, and provincial funding.
  - i) Ontario Student Nutrition Programs (OSNP) will follow the 'Student Nutrition Program - Nutrition Guidelines' developed by the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services.

- 2.5 The strategies and processes outlined in policy BP 6802-D “Student Health Support (the Provision of Medical and/or Physical Assistance within the School)” and procedure AP 6804-D “Anaphylaxis (Life-Threatening Allergic Reaction)” will be considered in coordination with this policy to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents.
- 2.6 This policy will be administered by the Director of Education or designate.