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CRITERIA FOR SACK LUNCHES

1. Nutritional requirements as presently listed in 591-1-1-.15 of the Bright from the Start Rules for Child Care Learning Centers must be met.
2. The center shall have a written agreement with parents as to the parent's responsibility to provide the child a nutritious sack lunch.
3. The center shall provide all parents written nutritional information concerning the content of sack lunches.
4. Food brought into the center shall be evaluated each day and if the child's lunch does not meet the nutritional requirements of 591-1-1-.15(1) the center must provide the child the additional food necessary to meet the requirements.
5. Individual lunches shall be labeled and children monitored to assure that there is no swapping of home-prepared food.
6. The center shall provide for proper storage and refrigeration of sack lunches; all perishable and potentially hazardous foods shall be refrigerated at a temperature of 40 degrees or below. [591-1-1-.15(10)]

“Potentially hazardous food” means any perishable food, which consists in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish or other ingredients capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious microorganisms.
7. If there is any food preparation done in the center, all related requirements in 591-1-1-.15 of the Bright from the Start Rules for Child Care Learning Centers must be met.
8. Each child shall be served at least 4 ounces of milk each day if not contraindicated by special diets. [591-1-1-.15(1)]