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POLICY:

Classrooms will participate in planned food experiences on a regular basis to give children the opportunity to learn about different foods, food preparations, and healthy eating habits. When facilitating any food experience classrooms will follow all proper hand washing and sanitizing procedures before beginning any food experience that involves the use of food or food equipment.

Food is not to be used in any classroom activities in which it will not be used in a food experience unless given special approval (i.e. art projects, counting etc.), nor used as a reward or punishment.

Faculty and staff are not allowed to bring in outside food for classroom experiences that was not purchased using program funds, and are not allowed to bring in outside food for non-food experience activities.

PROCEDURE:

Teachers will choose a food experience from the approved list of experiences. The list is available in the E.C. Staff Information Drive under Food Experiences and on the McPherson/Marion Early Childhood Program’s website.

Teachers can request to provide food experiences not listed on the approved list. The request will be submitted to the Education Coordinator and Health and Safety Coordinator for approval.

Classroom budgets can be used to purchase items for food experiences.