

STUDENT WELFARE**4200****SCHOOL FOOD AND BEVERAGE****4260**

1. Rationale

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is committed to making schools healthier places for students in order to establish the conditions needed to realize the potential of all students. A healthy school environment enhances student learning and success, and enhances students' social and emotional well-being. Schools have an important role to play in helping students lead healthier lives, including teaching students the skills to make healthy choices and reinforcing those lessons through school practices.

2. Policy

The SCDSB is required to ensure that food and beverages available to staff and students meet all relevant food and nutrition regulations and requirements.

3. Guidelines**3.1 All food and beverages sold or provided**

3.1.1 Food and beverages sold or provided on SCDSB premises must comply with the Ontario *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, Food Premises Regulation (O. Reg 493/17).

3.2 Food and beverages for sale

3.2.1 Food and beverages sold on school premises for school purposes must comply with the [Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act, 2008, S.O. c. 2 – Bill 8](#) and related nutrition standards within the [Ontario Ministry of Education School Food and Beverage Policy and Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 150](#).

3.2.2 Exemption for special-event days

The school principal may designate up to 10 days during the school year as special-event days on which food and beverages sold or provided in the school would be exempt from the *Healthy Food for Healthy Schools Act* and nutrition standards found in PPM 150. The school principal must consult with the school community and school council prior to designating a day as a special-event day.

3.3 Food and beverages provided in Student Nutrition Programs (SNP)

3.3.1 Food and beverages provided in SNP programs (e.g., breakfast and snack) must follow [Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services Student Nutrition Programs](#) and [Nutrition Guidelines](#).

3.4 Schools must ensure that students have access to drinking water during the school day.

3.5 The diversity of students and staff must be taken into consideration in order to accommodate religious and/or cultural needs.

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4. Administrative procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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