

Argyle Food Share Table

Sharing Tables are provided to reduce the amount of wasted food at schools. Children can place approved unconsumed food or beverage items they choose not to eat on the Food Share Table. Other children have the opportunity to take these items at no extra cost. Unwanted items purchased from our Food Service breakfasts or lunches could be shared with others using a Food Share Table. Any student may share unopened, packaged food, milk, or fruit on the table to share with others. Any student may choose an item or items from the table if they wish.

Guidelines:

1. A table/cart will be designated for Food Share Items and signs will clearly display the approved items, Food Share Table rules, and designate this table/cart for Food Share purposes.
2. Classroom education will be provided for all students regarding the importance of food safety and reducing waste.
3. A lunchroom supervisor will oversee the Food Share Table to monitor packages and ensure students follow proper protocols. A Food Share log will document items left at the end of the final lunch serving for each day. Food or beverages that must be under temperature control must be placed in an ice bath, cooler, or refrigerator. Items should maintain proper temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. The Food Share guidelines are based standard operating procedures in the school's food safety plan based on the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) which defines temperature/food monitoring, supervision, and discard plan to ensure food is safe if shared.
4. Apples or other fruits with edible peels may be placed on the Food Share Table.
5. Students **may not** place items brought from home on the Food Share Table.
6. Items leftover on the final day of the school week will be discarded.
7. A notice of the Food Share Table guidelines and expectations will be shared with all students and staff.
8. Families of children with food allergies will receive written information regarding the Food Share Table and expectations for student use. Additional information may be sent to families of students with food allergies, and parents may waive their child's participation in the sharing table.

Possible Food Share Table Items:

Food Table Suggestions:

Bananas
Oranges
Applesauce cups
Box of raisins
Juice
Breakfast bars
Crackers
Cereal packs

Food Cooler Suggestions:

Milk
Yogurt cups
String cheese