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RULE

- (a) This rule establishes standards to ensure that the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) provides food services to meet the basic nutrition needs of its youth.
- (b) Food services departments in TJJD facilities may be operated by TJJD employees or through contracts with private organizations.
- (c) Facility food service departments shall meet applicable state and local sanitation and health standards.
- (d) Facilities shall comply with participation requirements for the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.
- (e) The most recent Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) published by the National Research Council shall be utilized in planning menus.
- (f) Standardized menus will be developed or revised as needed and reviewed annually for institutions and for halfway houses by a dietitian.
 - (1) A single menu for staff and youth will be followed.
 - (2) Medical diets shall be provided as prescribed by appropriate medical or dental personnel.
 - (3) Religious diets will be provided when a youth's religious beliefs require adherence to religious dietary laws consistent with [§380.9121](#) of this title.
- (g) Food will be served in an appetizing and attractive manner.
- (h) Youth shall be served three meals and a snack(s) daily; at least two of the meals are hot.
- (i) The scheduled start time between the evening meal and the following day's breakfast meal shall not exceed 14 hours.
- (j) On-duty correctional care staff shall supervise youth during meals.
- (k) Meals and snacks shall not be used as disciplinary measures.
- (l) Facilities will implement a system for determining and responding within reason to youth food preferences.

See the [Nutrition and Food Service Manual](#) for implementation procedures.