

LICENSING OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS

CACFP Policy 91-16

Purpose

This instruction clarifies USDA policy with regard to those situations in which States or local governments exempt school-operated child care programs from licensing.

Scope

Sponsors and facilities participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Description

The State of Indiana has chosen to exempt schools that operate childcare programs from childcare licensing in the belief that a school's "license" to operate as a school is sufficient to cover their child care operations as well. USDA believes that this is a legitimate reason for exempting schools from childcare licensing. Therefore, for the purpose of the CACFP, it is not necessary for a school to be licensed as a childcare facility if it is exempted from such licensing by State and /or local authorities.

This policy pertains only to the childcare facilities that are under the direct legal and operational control of a school board, school district, or individual school. It does not apply to a childcare facility which may be within a school building or located on school grounds but for which the school, school district, or school board has no legal or operational responsibility.

Sources

Policy Memorandum 4, FY 1991, United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.