

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 26, 2012, West Hoke Elementary received a visit from our Program Child Care Specialist with the Division of Child Development. Her visit was to address the infractions that were received from the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) visit that stated some of the students lunches did not meet the requirements of the USDA Meal Guidelines, which require:

1 serving of milk

2 servings of fruit/vegetables

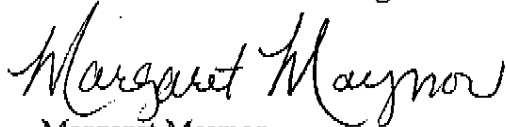
1 serving grains/bread

1 serving meat/meat alternative

On the date stated above there were five children in my class that brought lunch from home. When the children opened their lunch boxes and I noticed that their meals did not meet the USDA meal guidelines, I went into the cafeteria and got three plates and my assistant came in after me and got two more. The plates were placed in front of the students that had brought lunch from home. The children were told that this was food to go along with their meal, and that they could eat their lunch from home and if they wanted something off the plate they could eat it as well. All five children were given milk as well. By no means were the children forced to eat what was placed in front of them and no lunches brought from home were thrown in the trash.

On January 31, a note was sent home to my parents from West Hoke Elementary School in reference to Healthy Lunches. That afternoon I received a call from a parent who told me that she did not want her daughter to get a tray from the cafeteria unless she sent in money. She stated that she packs a healthy lunch for her and that she does not want to eat the food from the cafeteria. I stated that we have to follow state guidelines for our program and she said that she understood that, and would fix her lunch as best as she could, the way she will eat it. I also told her the note was sent from the school and we had to send it out.

On February 1, the Prek Program Director came to the school and told me in the future to give milk and other items to the children that bring a lunch from home if their meal did not meet the USDA meal guidelines.



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