

Concessions - Foods Served

In order to comply with Marion County Health Department regulations, the following guidance must be followed in the planning and presentation of activities involving the serving of food stuff.

Events during which foods are served fall into two categories:

1. Private – An event that is limited to the members (students and/or employees of the district) and member guests (friends/family invited by students/employees) is not subject to the temporary restaurant rules.

Example: If the band is having a dinner with just students, their parents, and people the parents and students invite, this is a private event, even though it may be advertised in the school newsletter. As a private event, no license is needed.

2. Public – An event to which the general public has been invited. Inviting the public includes advertising in a newspaper, on TV, on a reader board, and on the district website or Facebook page.

Example: If a fund-raising dinner is advertised in the Statesman Journal inviting public participation, this is a public event requiring a license.

If needed, Marion County Environmental Health (503-588-5346) can assist with identifying your event.

Foods served for Public consumption fall into three categories:

1. Foods prepared and served in a school kitchen by school kitchen staff are exempt from additional licensing requirements.
2. Prepackaged foods are exempt from additional licensing requirements.
3. Foods, other than defined above, fall under one of two license types:

- a. Temporary Restaurant License

The temporary restaurant license provides two options:

- (1) The one day license, a benevolent temporary restaurant license; or
- (2) The 90 day license, a seasonal temporary license. Fees can vary based on the length of the license and who is operating the temporary restaurant (concessions).

- b. Full Service License

This license, basically the same license needed for restaurants, and a kitchen that meets the same construction requirements as a restaurant.

License applications must be submitted at least five days prior to the event, or a late fee may be applied. Applications are available in the school offices and online. (Oregon Food Handler Card also required.)

Here is a link to the Temporary Restaurant Operation Guide – Guidelines for Food Booths at Events at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/NR/rdonlyres/66323A6E-735B-4F10-A2C3-5423B77A9467/44150/tempguide.pdf>