



## **GGA Food Policy**

All students have access to breakfast and lunch every day.

Food Services are provided by an external vendor 'Genuine Foods', which is used by many local charter schools.

- Breakfast is served between 7:45 am and 8:15 am. Students may be provided extended breakfast in line with local regulations.
- Lunch is served between 10:35 am and 12:00 noon
- Students choosing to bring their own packed lunch may do so.
- GGA is a closed campus and therefore does not allow students to leave the building for lunch. In addition, outside food is not permitted into the building from fast food restaurants or other local restaurants, even if parents or families drop it off.

GGA participates in the Community Eligibility Program as a part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to be able to provide free lunch to all students. Families may be asked to complete and submit a Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) Application annually so that the school remains in compliance with Federal and local requirements.

### **Food Allergies**

We are a peanut and treenut free zone. Please do not bring these items to the school. They are not permitted to be consumed in the building.

GGA will make every effort to provide accommodations to students requiring alternative nutrition in line with the NSLP. Families are asked to inform GGA as a part of the enrollment process. If accommodation needs change, please notify the main office immediately. GGA reserves the right to make additional restrictions to allow food based on student safety requirements.

## USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible State or local Agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- (2) **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Also, the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, approved December 13, 1977 (DC law 2-38; DC official code §2-1402.11(2006), as amended) states the following:

It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice to do any of the following acts, wholly or partially for a discriminatory reason based upon the actual or perceived: race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibilities, genetic information, disability, matriculation, or political affiliation of any individual. To file a complaint alleging discrimination on one of these bases, please contact the District of Columbia's Office of Human Rights at (202) 727-4559 or [ohr@dc.gov](mailto:ohr@dc.gov).