CANDLES, FLAMMING FOODS, OPEN-FLAME DEVICES

The following policy on the use of candles and other open flames on campus is taken from the Uniform Fire Code, section 2501.18.

Flaming Foods and Beverages
1. Flaming foods or beverages must be prepared in the immediate vicinity of the table being served. They cannot be carried while burning.
2. The person preparing the food must have a wet cloth available to smother flames in the event of an emergency.
3. Flammable liquids (such as a liquor) may be dispensed from a one ounce container or a one quart container with a pouring device that limits the flow of liquid to one ounce.
4. The pouring, ladling, or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height of eight inches above the food. All containers must be capped to prevent spillage when not in use.

Candles or Open Flame Decorative Lighting
5. Use only manufactured lamp oil or wax products.
6. All devices must self-extinguish when tipped over, return to upright position after being tilted to a 45 degree angle, and prevent leakage of more than 1/4 teaspoon of liquid or wax per minute.
7. Flames must be fully enclosed, however if there are openings on the side of the container, they can be no larger than 3/8 inch. The top may be open, but the distance from the flame to the opening shall be such that a single layer of tissue paper will not ignite in 10 seconds.
8. Shades, if used, must be made of non-combustible materials and attached firmly to the top of the device.
9. Use of open-flames and hand-held candles need approval of Environmental Health and Safety. Hand held candles will not be allowed to pass from one person to another while lighted.
10. If deemed necessary, due to number of people, type of display, or activity, event personnel must be trained in the use of fire extinguishers.

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