

WHAT IS POLICY?

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POLICY

A plan of action agreed to by a group of people with the power to carry it out and enforce it

- » Laws
- » Regulations
- » Guidelines
- » Principles
- » Directions

POLICY

What is to be done

Who is to do it

How it is to be done

POLICY

Personal

Organizational

Public

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PERSONAL POLICY

The set of standards you use to guide your own decisions and actions.

“I choose to buy local food to support local farmers and the local economy.”

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ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY

Guides how organizations and businesses operate; often does not have public input.

“HyVee has organic milk from local producers.”

PUBLIC POLICY

Guides how federal, state and municipal governments operate and address specific issues or problems

Developed through a process that involves input from citizens, government staff, and elected officials

“Des Moines Public Schools do not allow the sale of sugared soft drinks in schools.”

FOOD POLICY

A food policy is:

- any legislative or administrative decision
- made by a government agency, business, or organization which
- effects how food is produced, processed, distributed, and purchased
- designed to influence the operation of the food and agriculture system

FOOD POLICY

Examples:

A decision by school officials/community whether to allow soda in schools

Regulations for selling raw milk to consumers

The eligibility standards that allow low-income residents to participate in food assistance programs

IDEAL FOOD SYSTEM

- Provides for all in society
- Provides a safe and nutritious food supply
- Food is grown in a manner that
 - protects human health
 - protects the environment
 - adds value to rural and urban communities

This will happen as Food and Nutrition Professionals

Understand the Food System

and

Use their voice to make it better

through

Personal policy

Organizational policy

Public policy