

FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT OF FOOD PROGRAMS

The Board operates a food services program in its schools.

Food services will include breakfasts and lunches in the schools through participation in the National Child Nutrition Programs, when required by applicable law.

The District implements The Universal Meal Program, which allows all participating students to receive a breakfast and lunch at no charge.

The food service staff cooperates with the principals of the schools in matters essential to the proper functioning of the food services program. The responsibility for control of students using the cafeteria rests with the building principal.

If and when necessary prices set for school breakfasts and lunches are subject to Board approval, except prices for a la carte items. The Executive Director of Food and Child Nutrition Services, may set a la carte prices without Board approval. Only food and beverage items provided through the District's food service program are to be sold during meal service times. To the extent that the District participates in Federal school lunch or child nutrition programs, the District may not contract with a food service company to provide a la carte food service unless the company agrees to offer universal meals and/or free, reduced price and full price reimbursable meals to all eligible students.

As required for participation in the National Child Nutrition Programs, the Board agrees that:

1. breakfast and lunch are made available to students, provided at least one third of the students are eligible under Federal law for free meals;
2. all meals must meet USDA nutritional standards; and
3. the management of food services shall comply with all Federal, State and local regulations, as well as relevant terms contained in any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

School lunch funds and other food service funds shall be kept in a designated food service fund, separate from all other funds of the Board.

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[NOTE: The District is required to submit documentation on an annual basis setting forth regulations, hearing procedures, food ticket distribution methods, eligibility standards, news releases and any forms pertaining to the school lunch and other food programs.]

LEGAL REFERENCES:

National School Lunch Act, 42 USC § 1751 et seq.
Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 USC § 1771 et seq.
ORC 3313.81; 3313.812; 3313.813; 3313.814

NOTE: THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY