

FOOD SERVICES

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The District supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch Program and shall provide wholesome, appetizing and nutritious meals for children in the District's schools.

Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program shall not accept donations of food without the approval of the Board. Should the Board approve a food donation, the Superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of the school meals.

Commodities

The District shall use food commodities made available under the Federal Food Commodity Program for school meals.

Free and Reduced Price Food Services

The District shall provide free and reduced price meals to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program and the laws, rules and regulations of the state. The District shall inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or reduced price meals. Identity of students receiving free or reduced price meals will be confidential in accordance with the National School Lunch Program guidelines. A parent has the right to appeal any decision with respect to his/her application for free or reduced price food services to a designated hearing official. The Board may establish programs whereby meals may be provided in the District in accordance with National School Lunch Program guidelines. The amount charged for such meals shall be sufficient to cover all costs of the meals, including preparation labor, food costs, handling costs, utility costs, and equipment depreciation costs.

Food Services Procedures for Meal Charges, Notification Process & Alternative Meals Provided

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- I. Meal Charges
 - a. Number of Charges by students allowed will be as follows:
 - i. K-8 grades -- No student may accrue more than 3 meal charges at any one time.
 - ii. 9-12 grades – No student may accrue more than 1 meal charge at any one time.
 - iii. Adults – No charges are allowed for adult meals
- II. Notification Process
 - a. Combination process will be utilized to inform parents or guardians of meal charges by their students.
 - i. Charge numbers one and two will constitute a reminder to the student by the food service staff that the charges may not accrue beyond three charges.
 - ii. Charge number two will involve the student and food service staff calling the parent or guardian to provide notification of the charging limits.
 - iii. Charge number three will constitute a call from the principal's office to inform the parent/guardian that the limit has been reached and no further meals will be provided other than 1 alternative meal until the billing has been satisfied with payment.

Alternative Meal Provision

- b. Student nutrition is important and one alternative meal will be provided as follows to those students deemed in need based on recommendation and approval by the building principal:
 - i. Meals will consist of a basic sandwich and milk.
 - ii. No alternative meals will be provided beyond the 1 limit without authorization by the building principal.

Nutrition

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The District shall provide school meals which meet or exceed the nutritional standards required by state and federal school lunch programs.

The Superintendent shall establish rules for the sale of foods during the school day. To encourage the eating of nutritious lunches, competitive food services shall be limited in operation on school premises during or for the period of one (1) hour before and after the lunch period.

Any food sales of an occasional nature must have the prior approval of the principal.

Cross Reference: 8200 Food Services

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq. National School Lunch Act

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