

The school district will operate a school nutrition program in each attendance center. The school nutrition program will include meals through participation in the National School Lunch Program. The purpose of the school nutrition program shall be to provide nutritional, balanced meals to the students of each attendance center in the school district and to utilize the program as an instrument for the teaching of nutrition education. Students may participate in the school nutrition program or may bring their lunches from home and purchase milk and other incidental items at the school.

School nutrition program facilities are provided to serve students and all school personnel when school is in session and during school-related activities. Facilities may also be used in accordance with board policy and under the supervision of the Food Service Director for food service to: (1) teachers or other school personnel groups; (2) parent-teacher meetings, and (3) civic organization meetings for the purpose of better understanding the schools.

The school nutrition program is operated on a non-profit basis. The revenues of the school nutrition program will be used only for paying the regular operating costs of the school nutrition program. Supplies of the school nutrition program shall only be used for the school nutrition program.

The school nutrition program shall be under the direction of a Food Service Director who will establish and maintain a central record system; prepare menus and recipes; develop standards; initiate purchasing; recommend personnel for employment, promotion, or dismissal; conduct in-service training programs; administer the school nutrition program; and cooperate with the superintendent and other school district personnel for the proper functioning of the school nutrition program.

The board will set, and annually review, the prices for school nutrition programs. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to make a recommendation regarding the prices of school nutrition programs, in accordance with federal and state law.

The district shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations required for procurement, including the selection and evaluation of contractors. The superintendent or designee is responsible for developing an administrative process to implement this policy, including, but not limited to, procedures related to suspension and debarment for transactions subject to those requirements and prohibitions on purchasing food products misbranded as meat or egg products, or cultivated-protein food products in accordance with applicable laws.

School Lunch Account Negative Balance

Families that have a negative lunch balance will receive an email from Food Services reminding them to put money on their school lunch account. Families with a negative lunch account balance of \$20.00 or more will receive a call from the Food Service Director to discuss payment options or, if there is a financial need, the free or reduced-price nutrition program.

Note: This is a mandatory policy.

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