

FOOD SERVICE: PURPOSES, FACILITIES, AND FINANCES

The Board of Education and the Superintendent recognize that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health, development, and ability to learn. The school lunch and/or breakfast program shall be an integral part of the total educational program. An attractive, wholesome, well-balanced meal is essential for students to grow, learn and maintain good health.

To accomplish this objective with appropriate economy, all administration of the food services program will be coordinated in the Business Services office.

The educational aspects of the school lunch and/or breakfast program will be the responsibility of the school principal, subject to advice, counsel and direction from the Superintendent or designee, who is ultimately responsible for executing this policy.

Food in the school cafeteria shall be sold to patrons of the food service program at such price as will pay the cost of maintaining the program, exclusive of the costs which are charged against the funds of the Office of Education by provisions of the Education Code and items which are made a charge against the funds of the Office of Education under the authority of provisions of the Education Code.

Foods and beverages available through the Office of Education's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease
2. Meet or exceed nutritional standards specified in law
3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits
4. Be served in age-appropriate portions
5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices

The food service program shall give priority to serving unprocessed foods and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Participation in the State School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program

Participation in the State School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program is herewith authorized. The Superintendent or designee shall act on behalf of the Office of

Education for purposes of participating in the State School Lunch or Breakfast Program.

Approval of Menu Prices

Prices of all items on the menu shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee annually for approval. Revenues from food sales should offset the costs which are to be borne by the food service program.

Food Storage Provisions

Storage of food and supplies shall be done so as to prevent waste, spoilage, or pilferage, and the issuance of food and supplies shall be restricted to purposes of school food service only.

Contract for Food Services

The Office of Education may contract with another entity to provide food services for students when such an arrangement is deemed to be the most efficient and beneficial way to deliver the program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35182.5 Contracts, non-nutritious beverages*
- 38080-38103 Cafeteria, establishment and use*
- 45103.5 Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions*
- 49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*
- 49490-49493 School breakfast and lunch programs*
- 49500-49505 School meals*
- 49510-49520 Nutrition*
- 49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act*
- 49540-49546 Child care food program*
- 49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services*
- 49550-49560 Meals for needy students*
- 49570 National School Lunch Act*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 113700-114455 California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 15500-15501 Food sales by student organizations*
- 15510 Mandatory meals for needy students*
- 15530-15535 Nutrition education*
- 15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs*
- 15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meal programs*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 1751-1769 School lunch programs*
- 1771-1791 Child nutrition, especially:*
- 1773 School breakfast program*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

- 210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program*
- 220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program*

Policy

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