

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

The food service program provided by the school district is designed to provide nutritious school meals, snacks and milk to district students in accordance with law. The food service program operates as an integral part of the total school program and contributes to the district's efforts to improve student achievement.

The superintendent is charged with implementing Board policy as it pertains to the school food service program and making recommendations to the Board about the program and food service personnel. Food service personnel in the schools will be directly responsible to the superintendent and the building principal.

The school food service program will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and procedures pertaining to health, sanitation, storage and the service of foods. The district will meet all state and federal requirements necessary for participation in school meal programs. The principal of each school shall administer the food service program in his or her school. Each building principal is responsible for ensuring a safe dining environment and coordinating the food service program with instructional activities and other school and district programs as appropriate.

The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on any property under the jurisdiction of the district meet the nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The superintendent will maintain records verifying that all foods meet required nutrition standards or will document any applicable exemption.

Meal Prices and Charges

Meal prices shall be established annually by the Board of Education in accordance with law.

Unless meals are provided at no charge, the district expects students and employees to pay for meals prior to or at the time of receipt. The ability to charge meals is a privilege, not a right, and is subject to the limitations established in administrative procedures.

Contracted Food Services

The district will contract with a third party to administer its meal services if the Board, after consultation with the superintendent, determines it is in the best interest of the district and its students to do so. Contracted food services will be bid in accordance with state and federal law and Board policy.

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Nondiscrimination Statement

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subject to discrimination under a school nutrition program for which the district receives federal financial assistance from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. School nutrition programs include the National School Lunch Program, the Special Milk Program, the School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Service Program.

Community Use of Food Service Facilities

Outside organizations that use food service facilities may be charged a fee in accordance with Board policy. The food service director will ensure that supplies provided for the regular food service program, including USDA commodities, are not used by outside organizations.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: ADF, District Wellness Program
DLB, Salary Deductions
JHCF, Student Allergy Prevention and Response
KG, Community Use of District Facilities

Legal Refs: §§ 167.201, .211, RSMo.
Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 - 1760
Child Nutrition Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1777-1785

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