

FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT/FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The Board recognizes the school food service program as an integral part of the education program. The program shall provide a practical form of education. Recognizing that a balanced, nutritional breakfast and lunch are necessary to aid students in maintaining an alert mind, it is the policy of the District to operate a food service program in its schools; further, the policy of the District to be committed to the following basic concepts:

1. Food available at school shall make a significant contribution to the development of healthful eating habits and to meeting the nutritional needs of students.
2. The school food service and nutrition education programs shall be an integral part of the school's comprehensive health education program.
3. The financial integrity of the nonprofit school lunch and breakfast programs shall be fully maintained and supported.

Standards for Sale of Food and Beverages

Standards governing the types of food which may be sold in the schools and the time and place at which each type of food may be sold will be enforced. These standards will be based on the following guidelines:

1. The types of food sold in the schools will be determined as to their potential to contribute significantly to the daily nutritional needs of students and to enhance the District's nutrition philosophy and nutrition education curriculum.
2. The time of day and place for the sale of food to students will be consistent with the nutrient in-take needs and eating patterns of students and compatible with class schedules for schools within the District.
3. Food items sold on school property at extracurricular or special events are exempt from the nutritional requirements of this policy.
4. Coffee and tea beverages are exempt from all requirements of this policy.
5. Prices for student lunch, breakfast and milk shall be determined by the Board.
6. Due to market fluctuation, all a la carte pricing will be determined by the Food Service Department and the Business Office.

Cafeteria Standard

Cafeterias shall meet all standards established by local, state and federal officials.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunches

If required by the State Department of Education, the Board annually shall review and adopt a statement of the procedures for the implementation of a program whereby students whose parents qualify under regulations approved by the Board shall be entitled to receive free or reduced-price lunches and breakfasts. Copies of the regulations shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Superintendent, the principal and the appropriate cafeteria official.

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