

FOOD SALE STANDARDS

Through its food service program, the Board has a responsibility to encourage students to form healthful eating habits. Many students tend to eat non-nutritious or “junk” foods, which contribute to tooth decay, obesity, diabetes and heart disease. The Board enforces standards governing the types of food sold in the schools and the time and place at which each type of food is sold. These standards are based on the following guidelines.

1. The types of food sold in the schools are 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 must be consistent with the nutrient intake needs and eating patterns of students and compatible with class schedules for schools within the District. Separate standards may be established for the types of food to be sold to staff members and for special or extracurricular events. The following restrictions should be enforced:
 - A. Vending machines offering foods or beverages which do not meet the nutritional standards established by the District may not be operated during the school lunch period.
 - B. School fund-raising activities, such as bake sales, may not be held during the school lunch period.
3. Annually, the Food Service Supervisor reports to the Board the types of foods being sold as part of the school lunch program.
4. FCS Food Service staff are passionate about ensuring students have access to healthy school meals to support academic achievement. We never want to see a child go hungry or feel any shame during mealtimes.
 - A. No charge policies is published on menus and in the cafeteria newsletter with the lunch form. New USDA regulations mandate schools implement unpaid meal policies by the start of the 2017/2018 school year.
 - B. Food Service sends parents a low balance notice when there is a balance for only 3 meals or less.
 - C. When a student exhausts their account balance, a courtesy meal is given to the student that consists of the entrée of the day or cheese sandwich and milk. If this continues, the principal will be notified.
 - D. A tray should never be taken from a child in the lunch room. Food Service staff knows this.
 - E. We work to diligently to enroll all eligible students in the free and reduced meal program.
 - F. We work to minimize the stigma associated with free and reduced meals and remove barriers for students. All students have a pin number and account. No free or reduced information is on the student account screen.
 - G. Federal and state funds cover some of the cost of free and reduced meals, but school meal programs must charge full price students to cover the cost of their meals and the labor and equipment to prepare meals.
 - H. Unpaid meal debt can become a critical problem. Food service is expected to remain in the black without adding any expenses to the Findlay City Schools Board of Education. The food service department pays for food, paper supplies, employee labor, benefits, equipment and repairs.

Compliance with nutritional standards is reported to the Ohio Department of Education by November 30th annually through the consolidated school mandate report.

If the District reports noncompliance the Superintendent/designee must provide a written explanation to the Board within 30 days explaining this noncompliance and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

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