

## **SCHOOL LUNCH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The Board shall provide for necessary facilities and personnel to operate a school lunch program. Each student in the school system will have the opportunity to secure a nutritious lunch at school. The purpose of the school lunch program is to serve a well-balanced meal at a nominal charge.

All schools will offer free and reduced price meals for qualified students and students eligible for free lunch will also receive free milk.

### **Cafeteria Meal Accounts**

Students will be assigned a meal account for pre-payment of meals and ala carte items purchased in the cafeteria. Every student will be held responsible for account balances associated with the purchase of cafeteria foods and beverages. It is understood that the parent or guardian of any student who purchases foods and beverages from the Child Nutrition Program will provide funds through pre-payments to the meal account or provide funds at the point-of-sale. No visitors or employees shall receive free meals or free ala carte foods, with the exception of all the Child Nutrition Program employees who receive free meals. Adults may not charge meals or ala carte items; however, employees have a cafeteria meal account for pre-payment of cafeteria purchases.

### **Cafeteria Meal Charges**

The Board strongly discourages the charging of foods and beverages to meal accounts. Uncollected cafeteria charges constitute a bad debt and will not be allowed. Extra servings and ala carte purchases will not be allowed when a meal account has a negative balance. When meal account balances are not collected, a non-public local school funding source will be identified by the principal to reimburse the Child Nutrition Program. Kindergarten through third grade cannot be denied a reimbursable meal. Balance accounts must be closed out by the end of the school year.

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210.6(a); P.L. 93150; United States Department of Agriculture Regulations.