

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Food Services Program

The district supports the philosophy of the national school lunch and breakfast programs and shall provide wholesome and nutritious meals for children in the district's schools. The board authorizes the superintendent or designee to administer the food services program, provided that any decision to enter into a contract with a private food service agency shall require the approval of the board. Expenditures for food supplies shall not exceed the estimated revenues.

The food services program shall not accept donations of food without the express approval of the board. Should the board approve a food donation, the superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of the school lunch menu. The district shall use food commodities made available under the federal food commodity program for school menus.

A. Free and Reduced Price Food Services

The district shall provide free and reduced price breakfasts, lunches and milk to students according to the terms of the national school lunch program and the laws, rules and regulations of the state. The district shall inform parent(s) or guardian(s) of the eligibility standards for free or reduced price lunches. Reasonable efforts shall be made to protect the identity of students receiving such lunches. A parent(s) or guardian(s) has the right to appeal any decision with respect to his or her application for free or reduced price food services to the superintendent or designee.

The district may provide free, nutritious meals to all children on testing days. The district is responsible for the cost of providing such meals to students who are ineligible for free and reduced priced meals.

The superintendent or designee may establish a program whereby school lunches may be provided to anyone other than students of the district at the greatest price charged any student plus an amount representing the portion of the lunch cost paid for from state and federal assistance (cash and food).

B. Nutrition

The district shall provide school breakfasts and lunches which meet the nutritional standards required by state and federal school breakfast and lunch programs. Meals served in school before the end of the last lunch period shall conform to the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Foods and beverages of minimal nutritional value, as defined by the USDA, shall not be sold or served on school premises until thirty (30) minutes after the end of the last lunch period. "School premises" is defined as any area within the school that national school lunch and/or school breakfast program meals are either served or eaten.

Any food sales of an occasional nature must have the prior approval of the principal. The superintendent shall establish procedures for the provision of nutritionally healthful items in vending machines.

Cross References:	Board Policy 8240	Nutrition and Physical Fitness
Legal References:	RCW 69.04 28A.235 69.06 7 CFR, Parts 210 and 220 7 CFR, Part 245.5	Intrastate commerce in food, drugs, and cosmetics Food Services Food and beverage establishment workers' permits
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