

Salinas City Elementary School District

Business

Policy #3551

FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND

The Governing Board intends that, insofar as possible, school food services shall be a self-supporting, nonprofit program. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board shall review and approve meal prices. Program financial reports shall be presented regularly to the Board.

Meals may be offered to employees and Board members as a matter of convenience. Since these meals may include federally donated food commodities, their price shall be set in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

Meals may be served to adults other than employees and Board members who are on campus during meal times for a legitimate purpose, such as serving as a classroom volunteer. Since these meals may include federally donated food commodities, their price shall be set in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

Cafeteria Fund

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a cafeteria fund independent of the district's general fund.

The wages, salaries and benefits of food service employees shall be paid from the district general fund. At any time, the Board may order reimbursement from the cafeteria fund for these payments in amounts prescribed by the Board and not exceeding the costs actually incurred. (Education Code 38103)

To increase cost effectiveness, the Superintendent or designee shall centralize and direct the purchasing of food and supplies, the planning of menus, and the auditing of all food service accounts for the district.

Contracts with Outside Providers

With Board approval, the district may enter into a contract for consulting services related to food service on a year-to-year basis.

With Board approval, the district may enter into a contract with a private company that enables a school to operate a franchise offering fast food items for sale to students. The franchise agreement and food purchases shall be subject to the competitive bidding requirements of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Wherever possible local produce vendors will be used to provide fresh fruit and vegetables. When feasible organic grown produce will be used in the school lunch program.