

# CARUTHERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Business and Noninstructional Operations

BP 3550

### FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to the district's food service programs and to maximize their participation in available programs.

Foods and beverages available through the district's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease

*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law and administrative regulation

*(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)*

*(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)*

*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits

4. Be served in age-appropriate portions

5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

The Superintendent or designee may invite students and parents/guardians to participate in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school menus.

The Board desires to provide students with adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school meal programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school facilities for cafeteria eating and food preparation.

*(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 3517- Facilities Inspection)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a food safety program in order to reduce the risk of foodborne hazards at each step of the food preparation process, from receiving to service.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on student participation in the district's nutrition programs and the extent to which the district's food services program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary and available documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) to ensure the food service program's compliance with federal requirements related to nutrition standards, meal patterns, provision of drinking water, school meal environment, food safety, and other areas as required by the CDE.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*35182.5 Contracts, non-nutritious beverages*

*38080-38103 Cafeteria, establishment and use*

*45103.5 Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions*

*49430-49434 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*

*49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs*

*49500-49505 School meals*

*49510-49520 Nutrition*

*49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act*

*49540-49546 Child care food program*

*49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services*

*49550-49562 Meals for needy students*

*49570 National School Lunch Act*

*51795-51797 School gardens*

*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

*113700-114437 California Retail Food Code*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

*15510 Mandatory meals for needy students*

*15530-15535 Nutrition education*

*15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs*

*15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meal programs*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42*

*1751-1769j National School Lunch Program, including:*

*1758b Local wellness policy*

*1761 Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option*

*1769a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*

*1771-1793 Child nutrition, especially:*

1772 *Special Milk Program*  
1773 *National School Breakfast Program*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7  
210.1-210.31 *National School Lunch Program*  
215.1-215.18 *Special Milk Program*  
220.2-220.23 *National School Breakfast Program*  
245.1-245.13 *Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk*

*Management Resources:*

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009*

*Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007*

*Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007*

*Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*School Meals Initiative Summary*

*Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005*

CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS

*Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

*School Breakfast Toolkit*

*Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools, December 2010*

*Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, December 2007*

*Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005*

*Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles, June 2005*

*Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Farm Bureau Federation: <http://www.cfbf.com>

California Food Policy Advocates: <http://www.cfpa.net>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition): <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns>

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