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### **FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**

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The Governing Board recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health and well-being, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to and participation in the district's food service programs and maintain fiscal integrity of the programs in accordance with law.

Each school day, a nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch shall be made available at no cost to any student who requests a meal, including a student enrolled in an independent study program on any school day in which the student is scheduled for in-person educational activities of two or more hours. A nutritionally adequate breakfast or lunch is one that qualifies for reimbursement under the most current meal pattern for the federal School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program.

After a student has been provided a school meal at no cost, the district may sell the student the entrée from an additional nutritiously adequate meal that qualifies for federal reimbursement, from the same meal service. (Education Code 49431)

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
2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law
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

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate information related to the district's food service programs to the public through available means, including, but not limited to, the district's website, social media, flyers, and school publications.

The district's food service program shall give priority to serving freshly prepared onsite meals, using whole or minimally processed sustainable foods which are locally grown or produced, including fresh fruits and vegetables, and providing

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plant-based or restricted diet food options for students.

District schools are encouraged to establish school gardens and/or farm-to-school projects to increase the availability of safe, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables for school meals, positively impact students' knowledge related to food and nutrition, support the district's nutrition education program, and increase students' consumption of these foods and participation in school meals.

To the extent possible, the school meal program shall be coordinated with the nutrition education program, instructional program for teachers, parents/guardians and food service employees, available community resources, and other related district programs.

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.

Students shall be allowed adequate time and space to eat meals. (Education Code 49501.5)

To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to promote participation in school meal programs.

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

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 and service process.

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 service program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide

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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 CDE.

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#### *Policy Reference Disclaimer:*

*These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

#### **State**

5 CCR 15510

5 CCR 15530-15535

5 CCR 15550-15565

5 CCR 15575-15578

Ed. Code 35182.5

Ed. Code 38080-38103

Ed. Code 45103.5

Ed. Code 48432.3

Ed. Code 49430-49434

Ed. Code 49490-49494

Ed. Code 49501.5-49506

Ed. Code 49510-49520

Ed. Code 49530-49536

Ed. Code 49540-49546

Ed. Code 49547-49548.3

Ed. Code 49550.3-49562

Ed. Code 49570

Ed. Code 51795-51798

H&S Code 113700-114437

#### **Description**

*Mandatory meals for needy students*

*Nutrition education*

*School lunch and breakfast programs*

*Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program*

*Contracts for advertising*

*Cafeteria; establishment and use*

*Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions*

*Voluntary enrollment in continuation education*

*Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*

*School breakfast and lunch programs*

*School meals*

*Nutrition*

*Child Nutrition Act*

*Child care food program*

*Comprehensive nutrition services*

*Meals for needy students*

*National School Lunch Act*

*School instructional gardens*

*California Retail Food Code; sanitation and safety requirements*

#### **Description**

*School Lunch Program*

*Local wellness policy*

*Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option*

*Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*

*Child Nutrition Act*

*Special Milk Program*

*School Breakfast Program*

*National School Lunch Program*

#### **Federal**

42 USC 1751-1769j

42 USC 1758b

42 USC 1761

42 USC 1769a

42 USC 1771-1793

42 USC 1772

42 USC 1773

7 CFR 210.1-210.33

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7 CFR 215.1-215.18

7 CFR 220.2-220.22

7 CFR 245.1-245.13

#### **Management Resources**

California Department of Education  
Publication

California Department of Education  
Publication

California Department of Food and  
Agriculture Pub

California Project Lean Publication

CSBA Publication

CSBA Publication

CSBA Publication

CSBA Publication

CSBA Publication

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Publication

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*Special Milk Program*

*National School Breakfast Program*

*Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk*

#### **Description**

*Healthy Children Ready to Learn, 2006*

*Professional Standards in the School Nutrition  
Programs, Management Bulletin SNP-13-2020, Updated  
January 2022*

*Planting the Seed: Farm to School Roadmap for Success,  
February 2022*

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

*Monitoring for Success: A Guide for Assessing and  
Strengthening Student Wellness Policies, 2012*

*Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy  
Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2008*

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

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

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

*School Breakfast Toolkit*

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

*Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020*

*Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, May  
2022*

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

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

*California Department of Food and Agriculture, Office of  
Farm to Fork*

*CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal  
Services*

*U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition  
Service*

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Website	<a href="#">California Farm Bureau Federation</a>
Website	<a href="#">Nourish California</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition)</a>
Website	<a href="#">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</a>
Website	<a href="#">California School Nutrition Association</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, School Nutrition</a>
Website	<a href="#">National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Public Health</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Healthy Kids Resource Center</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA</a>

### Cross References

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Description</b>
0500	<a href="#">Accountability</a>
1312.4	<a href="#">Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.4-E(1)	<a href="#">Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.4-E(2)	<a href="#">Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1325	<a href="#">Advertising And Promotion</a>
1340	<a href="#">Access To District Records</a>
1340	<a href="#">Access To District Records</a>
3000	<a href="#">Concepts And Roles</a>
3260	<a href="#">Fees And Charges</a>
3260	<a href="#">Fees And Charges</a>
3510	<a href="#">Green School Operations</a>
3514	<a href="#">Environmental Safety</a>
3514	<a href="#">Environmental Safety</a>
3517	<a href="#">Facilities Inspection</a>
3517-E(1)	<a href="#">Facilities Inspection</a>
3551	<a href="#">Food Service Operations/ Cafeteria Fund</a>
3551	<a href="#">Food Service Operations/ Cafeteria Fund</a>
3552	<a href="#">Summer Meal Program</a>
3552	<a href="#">Summer Meal Program</a>
3553	<a href="#">Free And Reduced Price Meals</a>
3553	<a href="#">Free And Reduced Price Meals</a>
3554	<a href="#">Other Food Sales</a>
3554	<a href="#">Other Food Sales</a>
3555	<a href="#">Nutrition Program Compliance</a>
3555-E(1)	<a href="#">Nutrition Program Compliance</a>
3580	<a href="#">District Records</a>
3580	<a href="#">District Records</a>
4131	<a href="#">Staff Development</a>
4141.6	<a href="#">Concerted Action/ Work Stoppage</a>
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4231	<i>Staff Development</i>
4241.6	<i>Concerted Action/ Work Stoppage</i>
4241.6	<i>Concerted Action/ Work Stoppage</i>
5030	<i>Student Wellness</i>
5141.27	<i>Food Allergies/ Special Dietary Needs</i>
5141.27	<i>Food Allergies/ Special Dietary Needs</i>
5145.6	<i>Parent/ Guardian Notifications</i>
5145.6-E(1)	<i>Parent/ Guardian Notifications</i>
5148	<i>Child Care And Development</i>
5148	<i>Child Care And Development</i>
5148.2	<i>Before/ After School Programs</i>
5148.2	<i>Before/ After School Programs</i>
5148.3	<i>Preschool/ Early Childhood Education</i>
5148.3	<i>Preschool/ Early Childhood Education</i>
6142.8	<i>Comprehensive Health Education</i>
6142.8	<i>Comprehensive Health Education</i>
6173	<i>Education For Homeless Children</i>
6173	<i>Education For Homeless Children</i>
6173-E(1)	<i>Education For Homeless Children</i>
6173-E(2)	<i>Education For Homeless Children</i>
6176	<i>Weekend/ Saturday Classes</i>
7110	<i>Facilities Master Plan</i>

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