

The Board recognizes that a healthy school environment prepares students for college, careers, and successful futures. Students who eat well-balanced meals are more likely to learn in the classroom. The board supports the district’s increased emphasis on nutrition at all grade levels to enhance the well-being of the district’s students. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to provide students with access to nutritious food as stated in this policy and the accompanying procedure.

**Nutrition and Food Services Program**

The Board of Directors supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program and will 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 food service management company will require the approval of the Board. Expenditures for food supplies shall not exceed the estimated revenues.

The Superintendent is responsible for:

- annually distributing meal applications and determining eligibility for school meals;
- protecting the identity of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals;
- ensuring meals meet USDA meal pattern requirements;
- ensuring meal periods are in compliance with USDA regulations;
- establishing a Food Safety Plan;
- determining meal prices and submitting them to the Board for approval annually;
- using the full entitlement of USDA Foods;
- maintaining a nonprofit school food service account;
- ensuring all revenues are used solely for the school meal program;
- establishing a meal charge policy If not serving meals at no cost to students;
- accommodating children with special dietary needs;
- ensuring compliance with USDA nondiscrimination policies;
- following proper procurement procedures; and
- ensuring compliance with the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

**Federal Programs**

Participation in various federal programs related to nutrition, including the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, require a wellness policy. The district will address and follow its comprehensive wellness policy in accordance with 6702 – Wellness.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.210.365 Food choice, physical activity, childhood fitness — Minimum standards — District waiver or exemption policy.
	RCW 28A.235.120 Meal Programs — Establishment and Operation — Personnel — Agreements
	RCW 28A.235.130 Milk for children at school expense
	RCW 28A.235.140 School breakfast programs
	RCW 28A. 235.150 School breakfast and lunch programs – Grants to increase participation – Increased state support

	RCW 28A.235.160 Requirements to implement school breakfast, lunch and summer food service programs – Exemptions
	RCW 28A.235.170 Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program
	RCW 28A.623.020 Nonprofit program for elderly — Authorized — Restrictions
	RCW 69.04 Intrastate Commerce in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics
	RCW 69.06.010 Food and beverage service worker’s permit — Filing, duration — Minimum training requirements
	RCW 69.06.020 Permit exclusive and valid throughout state — Fee
	RCW 69.06.030 Diseased persons — May not work — Employer may not hire
	RCW 69.06.050 Permit to be secured within fourteen days from time of employment.
	RCW 69.06.070 Limited duty permit
	WAC 392-157-125 Time for meals
	2 CFR Part 200 - Procurement
	7 CFR, Parts 210 and 220
	7 CFR, Part 245.5

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