

**Policy**

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FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCHES/MILK

It is the policy of the board of education that this school district may participate in any federal or state subsidized food program for the benefit of eligible students. Student eligibility shall be as determined by the guidelines of the subsidizing agency. The board requires that all regulations of the subsidizing agency be observed including and especially those which preserve the privacy of eligible students.

The board hereby adopts as its own the free and reduced-price policy developed by the bureau of child nutrition programs pursuant to federal regulations.

Breakfast After the Bell

If seventy percent or more of the students enrolled in any school within the district on or before the last school day before October 16 of the preceding school year are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program or the Federal School Breakfast Program, the district shall establish a "Breakfast After the Bell" program for that school in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11.3

A school within the district may request a one-year waiver from their requirements to provide "Breakfast After the Bell" under certain circumstances set forth N.J.S.A. 18A:33-12.

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Key Words

Free Lunch, School Lunch, Lunch, Milk, Reduced-price Lunches/Milk

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:33-3 Cafeterias for students  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-4 School lunch; availability to all children  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-5 Exemptions  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-10 Establishment of school breakfast program in certain schools  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11 Implementation of school breakfast program by district  
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7.1  
through -7.2 School lunch program ...  
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.2 Policy and agreement for school nutrition programs  
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.9 Review and evaluation

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*2224 Affirmative action/nondiscrimination  
\*3000/3010 Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives  
\*3220/3230 State funds; federal funds  
\*3450 Money in school buildings  
\*3510 Operation and maintenance of plant  
\*3542 Food Service  
\*3542.1 Wellness and nutrition  
\*3542.44 Purchasing

*4222	Noninstructional aides
9123	Appointment of board secretary
9124	Appointment of business official

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.