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Saint Paul Public Schools Policy

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I. POLICY PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the District's commitment to providing equitable access to healthy and nutritious meals, supporting student health and learning, and ensuring compliance with all applicable state and federal laws regarding child nutrition programs.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The District recognizes that proper nutrition is essential to student learning and development and strives to ensure that all meal programs are accessible, inclusive, and administered with dignity.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. The District shall operate a food and nutrition services program designed to support student well-being, academic success, and equitable access to healthy, nutritious meals.
- B. The District may participate, as feasible, in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and other federal or state food and nutrition programs for which it is eligible.
- C. The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement administrative regulations, procedures, and operational guidelines necessary to administer food and nutrition programs.
- D. Student meal benefit eligibility shall be maintained as confidential and administered equitably and without discrimination, in a manner that protects the privacy, dignity, and rights of every student.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

7 C.F.R. Part 245 (Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Free Milk in Schools)

42 U.S.C. § 1758 (Program Requirements)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.1115 (Free and Reduced-price School Meals Program Data Sharing)

Minn. Stat. §363A.01 (Minnesota Human Rights Act)