

FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The Board operates a food services program in its schools. Food preparation is centralized for elementary, intermediate and secondary schools.

Food services include lunches in all schools through participation in the National Child Nutrition Programs.

The food services staff cooperates with the principals of the schools in matters essential to the proper functioning of the food services program. The responsibility for control of students using the cafeteria rests with the building principal.

All prices set for school lunches and milk are subject to Board approval, except for a la carte food prices. The Food Services Supervisor sets these prices without Board approval.

As required for participation in the National Child Nutrition Programs, the Board agrees that:

1. breakfast and "Type A" lunch are made available to students, provided at least one-fifth of the students are eligible under Federal law for free meals;
2. students who qualify receive free or reduced-price meals;
3. all meals must meet USDA nutritional standards;
4. the management of food services shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations.

All students are expected to eat lunch at school and may not leave school grounds during the lunch hour, except as permission has been granted by the principal. Students are permitted to bring their lunches from home and to purchase milk and incidental items.

School lunch funds and other food service funds are kept in a special account.

The District provides for at least one employee, who has received instruction in methods to prevent choking and has demonstrated an ability to perform the Heimlich maneuver, to be present while students are being served.

Students with Special Dietary Needs

At the beginning of each school year, or at the time of enrollment, parents are responsible for communicating any special dietary needs of their child, including food allergies, to the District. Students with dietary needs that qualify as disabilities under law will be provided reasonable accommodation.

Substitutions to regular school meals provided by the District are made for students who are unable to eat regular school meals due to a qualifying dietary need when that need is certified in writing by the students' physician. Substitute meals are provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the special needs of the student.

The nature of the student's qualifying dietary need, the reason this need presents the student from eating regular school meals (including foods to be omitted from the student's diet), the specific diet prescription along with the needed substitution must be specifically stated in the physician's statement. The District, in compliance with the USDA Child Nutrition Division guidelines, provides substitute meals to food-allergic students base upon the physician's signed statement.

The District devlops and implements administrative regulations for the management of food-allergic students. Such regulations include, but are not limited to, schoolwide training programs regarding food allergy education, staff devlopment regarding food allergy identificatin and management, allergy emergency drills, strategies for the identification of students with life-threatening food allergies and management skills including avoidance measures, designation of typical symptoms and dosing instructions for medications.

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LEGAL REFS.: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act; Pub. L. No. 108-265
(Title I, Section 204), 118 Stat. 729
National School Lunch Act; 42 USC 1751 et seq.
Child Nutrition Act of 1966; 42 USC 1771 et seq.
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008; 42 USC
12101 et seq.
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC 794
ORC 3313.719, 3313.81; 3313.812; 3313.813, 3313.815, 3314.18
OAC 3301-91-01 through 3301-91-09

CROSS REFS.: ACB, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
EFF, Food Sale Standards
EFG, Student Wellness Program
EFH, Food Allergies
JHCD, Administering Medicines to Students