

8500 FOOD SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes the midday meal as an important part of each pupil's school day. The Business Administrator shall ensure a wholesome, nutritious food services program in the district and one which reinforces the concepts of nutrition education as taught in the classrooms of this district.

The Board shall provide food service facilities for the consumption of food on school premises. All pupils not expressly excused by the Principal shall be expected to remain at school for lunch.

The operation and supervision of the food services program shall be the responsibility of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The district shall participate in the Federal School Lunch Program.

The Food Service Program shall be operated on a nonprofit basis. All moneys derived from the operation, maintenance, or sponsorship of the food service facilities shall be deposited in the Food Service Account. The net cash resources of the food service account may not exceed three months' operating cost. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall make a periodic review of the food service account. Any surplus funds shall be used to reduce the cost of the service to pupils or to purchase cafeteria equipment.

In the event that a student does not have the means to pay for a lunch or does not have a lunch, he/she may charge a lunch for that day. It is expected that the money will be repaid the following day. Up to three charges will be allowed after which a phone call will be placed to the parent/guardian. After three charges, the student will be entitled to a sandwich. If there are outstanding monies due on the student's lunch account, reports cards and participation in certain activities will be withheld.

Students who leave the district with a lunch account balance of \$2.50 or more will be reimbursed.

The Business Administrator shall ensure the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises, free from fire and health hazards, for the preparation and consumption of food and the safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment in strict compliance with regulations of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.1; 18A:33-3 et seq.; 18A:58-7.1



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