

Section 800 – Support Services
School Food Services
School Food Program

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The purpose of the school lunch program is to serve nutritionally adequate, attractive, and moderately priced lunches every day school is in session.

The board of education will participate in the federally subsidized National School Lunch Program and abide by all program regulations relating to menu, record keeping, and administering free and reduced cost lunches for students.

The board of education will set salaries for cafeteria employees and will set meal prices for students and teachers. The superintendent of schools will be responsible for administering the lunch program. He will hire cafeteria employees and will recommend salaries to the board of education.

In conjunction with the head cook, the building principals will develop student schedules, behavior codes, and lunch-ticket accounting procedures necessary for the efficient operation of the program. They may delegate responsibilities to staff members on an equitable basis.

The head cook will be directly responsible to and perform duties assigned by the building principal. The head cook will be responsible for food preparation and duty assignments.

The food service program will operate on a non-profit basis. The price of lunches will be fixed annually by the board of education and will be calculated to encourage participation in the program.

The cost of lunches will be based on the cost for preparation and service of food, cost for components of the meal not federally donated or covered by subsidy, cost for replacement of expendable items, plus a charge for depreciation of equipment.

Children from families whose income is at or below the income poverty guidelines set up by the Federal Government are eligible for a free meal or at a reduced price.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq. (1994).

Cross Reference: 1006.01 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment