

Child Nutrition

The District supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and shall provide wholesome, appetizing and nutritious meals for children in the District's schools. Because of potential liability to the District, the food services program shall not accept donations of food without the approval of the Director of Child Nutrition. Should the Board approve a food donation, the Director of Child Nutrition shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of the school meals.

Commodities

The District shall use food commodities made available under the Federal Food Commodity Program for school meals.

Qualifications of School Foodservice Staff

Qualified nutrition professionals will administer the school meal programs. As part of the school district's responsibility to operate a child nutrition program, continuing professional development opportunities may be provided to select District nutrition professionals. These development programs should include appropriate certification and/or training programs for child nutrition directors, child nutrition program coordinators, and child nutrition program assistants, according to their levels of responsibility.

Free and Reduced Price Food Services

The District shall provide free and reduced price meals to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and the laws, rules and regulations of the state. The District shall inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or reduced price meals. Identity of students receiving free or reduced price meals will be confidential in accordance with the guidelines for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. A parent has the right to appeal any decision with respect to his/her application for free or reduced price food services to a designated hearing official.

Summer Food Service Program

The district will support the operation of a summer child nutrition program in areas approved by the State Department of Education as eligible if participation warrants services. The Child Nutrition Director will oversee all facets of the Summer Food Program. When possible, the Summer Food Program will run for at least six weeks between the last day of school and the first day of the following school year.

Food Service for District Employees

District employees may purchase meals through the District's food service program. With the exception of Child Nutrition Staff, district employees shall not receive any free or reduced meal through the District's food service program. Any free or reduced meal to an employee will be considered a taxable fringe benefit to the employee receiving the free or reduced meal. This

taxable fringe benefit will be in addition to the employee's salary and will be reported on the individual employee's W-4.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq. National School Lunch Act

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