

All schools will participate in the National Child Nutrition Program, school breakfast program and will receive commodities donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. All federal and state revenues will be accepted and applied so as to maximize the use of such funds for the purposes of providing nutritional meals to students at the lowest possible price.

The student food services program will be operated in a manner consistent with board goals and board policy. The program also will be operated in compliance with all applicable state and federal law, including requirements of the National School Lunch Program and all federal guidelines established by the Child Nutrition Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. Specific legal requirements which must be met include the following:

- no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin or disability;
- safety and sanitation will meet standards established in local, state and federal rules and guidelines for school food service programs;
- menu preparation and purchasing will be consistent with established state and federal guidelines for programs which receive special revenue funds;
- banking, record keeping, budgeting and accounting will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted practices and procedures, as dictated by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act and in accordance with state and federal guidelines; and
- commodity foods donated by the United States Department of Agriculture will be used and accounted for in accordance with federal regulations.

Bidding and purchasing requirements in G.S. 115C-522(a) and G.S. 143-129 do not apply; however, the board encourages competitive selection processes whenever possible.

The superintendent or designee will establish procedures as appropriate to help ensure compliance with board policy and legal requirements.

Legal References: National School Lunch Act, *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 1751, et seq.; Child Nutrition Act of 1966, *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 1771, et seq.; G.S. 115C-47(7), -47(22), -263, -264, -426, -450, -522; art. 31

Cross References: Goals of Student Food Services (policy 6200), Goals of the Purchasing Function (policy 6400)

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