

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Food Services

The District will provide school meals which meet or exceed nutritional standards required by state and federal school lunch programs. The Superintendent will establish rules for the sale of foods during the school day. To encourage students to eat nutritious lunches, competitive food services will not be permitted to operate anywhere on school premises during or for a period of 1 hour before and after the lunch period. The principal may authorize any food sales of an occasional nature.

The Board may authorize a portion of federal funds received in lieu of taxes to be used to provide free meals for federally connected indigent pupils. Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program will not accept donations of food without approval of the Board. Should the Board approve a food donation; the Superintendent will establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of school meals.

Free and Reduced Meal Prices

The District will provide free and reduced-price meals to students, according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program and the laws, rules, and regulations of the state. The District will inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or reduced-price meals. Identity of students receiving free or reduced-price meals will be confidential. The building principal shall be responsible for determining eligibility. Students in the foster care system and other students as provided by the Child Nutrition Act shall be categorically eligible for free meals. A parent has the right to appeal to a designated hearing official any decision with respect to his or her application for free or reduced-price food services.

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| Legal References: | P.L. 108-265 | Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 |
| | § 20-10-204, MCA | Duties of trustees |
| | § 20-10-205, MCA | Allocation of federal funds to school food services fund for federally connected, indigent pupils |

Cross Reference:

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