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Purpose
The Board recognizes that students require adequate, nourishing food and beverages in order to grow, learn and maintain good health. The Board directs that students shall be provided with adequate space and time to eat meals during the school day.

**Authority**

The food service program shall be operated in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as well as federal guidelines established by the Child Nutrition Division of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10]

The district shall ensure that, in the operation of the food service program, no student, staff member, or other individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.[11][12]

Food sold by the school may be purchased by students and district employees but only for consumption on school premises. The price charged to students shall be established annually by the district in compliance with state and federal laws.[4][13]

Nonprogram food shall be priced to generate sufficient revenues to cover the cost of such items. A nonprogram food shall be defined as a food or beverage, other than a reimbursable meal or snack, that is sold at the school and is purchased using funds from the child nutrition account. Nonprogram foods include but are not limited to adult meals and a-la-carte items. All revenue from the sale of nonprogram food shall accrue to the child nutrition program account.[13][14]

**Delegation of Responsibility**

Operation and supervision of the food service program shall be the responsibility of the Business Manager.

The individual responsible for the operation and supervision of the food service program shall present to the Board each month for its approval a statement of receipts and expenditures for cafeteria funds.[4]

Cafeterias shall be operated on a nonprofit basis. A periodic review of the cafeteria accounts shall be made by the Business Manager.[3][4]

The individual responsible for the operation and supervision of the food service program shall ensure that school meals meet the standards required by the School Breakfast Program, the National School Lunch Program and the Special Milk Program.[2][3][4][6][7][8][9][10]

The Superintendent or designee shall comply with state and federal requirements for conducting cafeteria health and safety inspections and ensuring employee participation in appropriate inspection services and training programs.[15][16][17][18]

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate administrative regulations to implement this policy.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually notify students, parents/guardians and employees concerning the contents of this policy and applicable administrative regulations. Notification shall include information related to nondiscrimination.[11]

**Guidelines**
To reinforce the district's commitment to nutrition and student wellness, foods served in school cafeterias shall:[19]

1. Be carefully selected to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and health.

2. Meet the nutrition standards specified in law and regulations and approved by the Board.

3. Be prepared by methods that will retain nutritive quality, appeal to students, and foster lifelong healthy eating habits.

4. Be served in age-appropriate quantities, at reasonable prices.

The district shall use USDA Foods for school menus available under the Child Nutrition USDA Foods Programs.

Procurement

Procurement of goods or services for the food service program shall meet the requirements of applicable law, regulations and Board policy and procedures.[20][21][22]

Free/Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk

The district shall provide free and reduced-price meals and/or free milk to students in accordance with the terms and conditions of the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program and the Special Milk Program.[23][24]

Accommodating Students With Special Dietary Needs

The district shall make appropriate food service and/or meal accommodations to students with special dietary needs in accordance with applicable law, regulations and Board policy.[25][26][27][28]

School Food Safety Inspections

The district shall obtain two (2) safety inspections per year in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.[16][17][29]

The district shall post the most recent inspection report and release a copy of the report to members of the public, upon request.

School Food Safety Program

The district shall comply with federal requirements in developing a food safety program that enables district schools to take systematic action to prevent or minimize the risk of foodborne illness among students.[8][10][16]

The district shall maintain proper sanitation and health standards in food storage, preparation and service, in accordance with applicable state and local laws and regulations and federal food safety requirements.[17][29][30]

Professional Standards for Food Service Personnel

The district shall comply with the professional standards for school food service personnel who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. For
purposes of this policy, **professional standards** include hiring standards for new food
service program directors and annual continuing education/training for all individuals
involved in the operation and administration of school meal programs. Such professional
standards shall apply to both district-operated food service programs and contracted food
service programs.[6][7][18][31]

**School Meal Charges and Accounts**

To ensure the effective operation of the district's food service program, the district
establishes the following guidelines for payment of student school meals:

1. The district shall assign individual accounts to each student for the purchase of meals
   served in school cafeterias, which ensure that the identity of each student is protected.

2. The district shall notify students and/or parents/guardians when the student's account
   reaches a low balance.

3. The district shall notify students and/or parents/guardians when the student's account
   reaches a negative balance. The notice shall include a description of the consequences
   for failure to make payment.

4. The district shall provide students and/or parents/guardians with information on
   payment options and free and reduced-price meals and/or free milk.

5. The district may permit students to charge a meal, impose a limit on charged meals,
   and/or offer a reimbursable or alternate meal when the student forgets or loses his/her
   money or when his/her account has insufficient funds. Appropriate modifications to an
   alternate meal shall be made when required by the student's documented special
   dietary need.

This policy and any applicable procedures or administrative regulations regarding meal
charges shall be communicated annually to school administrators, school food service
personnel, other appropriate school staff, and contracted food service personnel.

The district shall provide parents/guardians with a written copy of this policy and any
applicable procedures or administrative regulations at the start of each school year, when a
student enrolls in school after the start of the school year, and when a parent/guardian is
notified of a negative balance.

The district shall annually inform parents/guardians, students and staff about the contents of
this policy and any applicable procedures via the district website, student handbooks,
newsletters, posted notices and/or other efficient communication methods.

**Collection of Unpaid Meal Charges -**

Reasonable efforts shall be made by the district to collect unpaid meal charges from
parents/guardians. Efforts taken in the collection shall not have a negative impact on the
student involved, but shall focus primarily on the parents/guardians responsible for providing
funds for meal purchases.
PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MEAL ACCOUNTS

SECONDARY
Every student at the HIGH SCHOOL (grades 9-12) is responsible for having money in his/her cafeteria account or cash in hand at the register for all school meals.

Exceptions may be considered for a student who is unable to take full responsibility for his/her cafeteria account.

Charging of meals due to insufficient funds is NOT ALLOWED.

If meal charges do occur and are not paid by the end of each marking period, report cards may be held at the discretion of the principal.

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ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL.
With the aid of teachers and staff, every student at the elementary and middle school level (grades K-8) should have money on his/her cafeteria account or cash in hand at the register for all school meals.

Charging of meals due to insufficient funds (negative balance) is discouraged. If a student forgets or doesn’t have money on his/her account, the child may still get a meal, however, the meal will be charged to the account and a letter will be sent home requesting payment.

If a student has a negative balance, non-meal food items such as a la carte items or alternate beverages other than milk will be prohibited.

However, a student on paid or reduced meals will be allowed to charge a meal. Staff will address a yellow food service envelope along with a balance reminder letter stating the amount owed and inform parents/guardians to pay the charge immediately. If a family continues to “miss” having cash for meals, the principal or Business Office will call the home to explain the charges. If meal charges are not paid by the end of each marking period, report cards may be held at the discretion of the principal.

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Parents/Guardians will be informed of this policy at the start of the school year. It will be posted on the WHSD webpage and posted in each school

Parents/Guardians can manage their student(s) cafeteria account at my www.schoolcafe.com