
Nutrition and Food Services – 6700.1

Food Services Program

The district supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs and shall provide wholesome and nutritious meals for children in the district's schools that meet the nutritional standards required by state and federal school breakfast and lunch programs. The superintendent/designee shall administer the food services program, provided that any decision to enter into a contract with a private food service agency shall require the approval of the board. Expenditures for food supplies shall not exceed the estimated revenues.

Because of the potential liability of the district, the food services program shall not accept donations of food other than as provided in this policy without the expressed approval of the board. Should the board approve a food donation, the superintendent 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 lunch menu.

Food services employees shall be required to meet all state and federal standards pertaining to food preparation, storage, serving and handling.

Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

The district shall provide free and reduced price lunches and milk to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program and the laws, rules and regulations of the state. The district shall inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or reduced-price lunches. Reasonable efforts shall be made to protect the identity of students receiving such lunches. A parent has the right to appeal any decision with respect to his/her application for free or reduced price food services to the superintendent or designee.

The district may establish a program whereby school lunches may be provided to anyone other than students of the district at the greatest price charged any student plus an amount representing the portion of the lunch cost paid for from state and federal assistance (cash and food).

Surplus Commodities

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

Legal References:

RCW	28A.235	Food Services
	28A.235.120	Meal programs – Establishment and operation – Personnel - Agreements
	28A.235.130	Milk for children at school expense
	28A.623.020	Nonprofit meal program for elderly — Authorized — Restrictions
	69.04	Intrastate Commerce in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics
	69.06.010	Food and beverage service worker's permit – Filing, duration – Minimum training requirements
	69.06.020	Permit exclusive and valid throughout state — Fee
	69.06.030	Diseased persons — May not work — Employer may not hire
	69.06.050	Permit to be secured within fourteen days from time of employment.
	69.06.070	Limited duty permit
7 CFR	Parts 210 and 220	
7 CFR	Part 245.5	