

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Food Services

The District supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and will provide wholesome and nutritious breakfasts and lunches and other allowable meals and snacks for children in the District's schools. The Board authorizes the superintendent or designee to 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.

The superintendent or designee is responsible for:

- Distributing meal applications and determining eligibility for school meals annually;
- Protecting the identity of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals;
- Ensuring meals meet USDA meal pattern requirements;
- Ensuring meal periods are in compliance with USDA regulations;
- Establishing a Food Safety Plan;
- Determining meal prices and submitting them to the board for approval annually;
- Using the full entitlement of USDA Foods;
- Maintaining a nonprofit school food service account;
- Ensuring all revenues are used solely for the school meal program;
- Establishing a meal charge policy;
- Accommodating children with special dietary needs;
- Ensuring compliance with USDA nondiscrimination policies;
- Following proper procurement procedures;
- Ensuring compliance with the Smart Snacks in School standards, and
- Complying with ESHB 2610 – The Hunger-Free Students Bill of Rights

Because of the potential liability of the district, the food services program will not accept donations of food other than as provided in Policy No. 8210 without the express approval of the Board. Should the Board approve a food donation, the superintendent or designee shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before including the food as part of the school lunch menu plan.

Legal Reference: [RCW 28A.235](#) Food Services

[RCW 28A.300.255](#) Meal Charge Policies
 [ESHB 2610](#) The Hunger-Free Students Bill of Rights
 [RCW 28A.235.200](#) Breakfast After the Bell Program

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