

## MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

### **School Meal Programs**

The district will follow the USDA meal patterns for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Smart Snacks in School standards for all food and beverages sold to students on school campus during the school day. These are available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/legislation/allfoodsflyer.pdf>.

While students/parents/guardians are permitted to bring commercial foods to school that do not meet the Smart Snacks standards on occasions such as birthdays and holiday celebrations, the district will encourage healthy food choices in all school operations.

### **School Cafeterias**

- Any student may eat in the school cafeteria or other designated place;
- Meal prices will be established by the Superintendent and food service supervisor, with approval of the board; and
- Healthy foods should be competitively priced

### **Nutrition and Food Services Operation**

In order to support the school's nutrition and food services operation as an essential partner in the educational mission of the district and its role in the district's comprehensive nutrition program, the Superintendent is responsible for:

- Encouraging students to participate in the school meal programs;
- Providing varied and nutritious food choices consistent with the applicable school meal program guidelines; and
- Providing that:
  - Students have adequate time to eat their entire meal;
  - Seating for meals is uncrowded and occurs in a pleasant and safe environment;
  - Rules for mealtime behavior are consistently enforced; and
  - Mealtime supervision is appropriate

### **Unpaid Meal Charges**

No student will ever be denied a complete and nutritious meal, either breakfast or lunch, regardless of the balance on the student's account. If a student has a negative balance, the student will not be allowed to charge ala carte items.

If a student has a negative balance on his/her food service account, the parents/guardians will receive a weekly phone call and e-mail indicating the balance due.

Periodically throughout the year, if the negative balance is over \$20.00, the parents/guardians will receive a letter indicating their student's balance. Payment plans can be arranged with the District Business Office at 360-563-7240.

If a student's balance exceeds \$50.00 or a family balance exceeds \$100.00 for 3 months and the parents/guardians have not arranged a plan for repayment, the account may be sent to a collection agency.

If payments are not made, the negative balance may be attached as a fine to the student's Skyward account which could then impact other areas of the student as defined in Policy 3520 and 3520P.

Payments can be made at the student's school, at the district food service office, at the district office, or on-line through their Family Access portal.

If a family qualifies for free or reduced lunch prices based on family income, applications can be obtained at the student's school, printed from our website ([sno.wednet.edu](http://sno.wednet.edu)) under Commonly Requested District Forms, or by calling 360-563-7314.

### **Staff Development**

Ongoing in-service and professional development training opportunities for kitchen staff in the area of food nutrition will be encouraged.

### **Family and Community Involvement**

In order to promote family and community involvement in supporting and reinforcing nutrition education in schools, the school principal is responsible for ensuring:

- Breakfast and lunch menus are made available to parents;
- Families are invited to attend exhibitions of student nutrition projects or health fairs;
- School staff are encouraged to cooperate with other agencies and community groups to provide opportunities for student projects related to nutrition, as appropriate; and
- School staff consider the various cultural preferences in development of nutrition education programs and food options.

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