

FALL RIVER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund

BP 3551

Business and Noninstructional Operations

The Governing Board intends that school food services shall be a self-supporting, nonprofit program. To ensure program quality and increase cost effectiveness, the Superintendent or designee shall centralize and direct the purchasing of foods and supplies, the planning of menus, and the auditing of all food service accounts for the district.

Meal Sales

Meals may be sold to students, district employees, Board members, and employees or members of the fund or association maintaining the cafeteria. (Education Code 38082)

In addition, meals may be sold to nonstudents, including parents/guardians, volunteers, students' siblings, or other individuals, who are on campus for a legitimate purpose. Any meals served to nonstudents shall not be subsidized by federal or state reimbursements, food service revenues, or U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) foods.

Meal prices, as recommended by the Superintendent or designee and approved by the Board, shall be set in accordance with state and federal guidelines

Students who are enrolled in the free or reduced-price meal program shall receive meals free of charge or at a reduced price in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Such students shall not be overtly identified or treated differently from other students.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish strategies and procedures for the collection of meal payments, including delinquent meal payments, and shall clearly communicate these procedures and related district policies to students and parents/guardians. The procedures adopted by the Superintendent or designee shall conform with 2 CFR 200.426 and any applicable CDE guidance, and shall not overtly identify students with unrecovered or delinquent debt or treat them differently than other students.

The Fall River Joint Unified School District's Food Service Department recognizes adequate nutrition is essential to students' mental, physical, and academic growth. All children (grades K-12) participating in the national school breakfast program and the national school lunch program, whether at a free, reduced, or paid rate, will receive a full reimbursable breakfast and/or lunch meal that meets USDA requirements regardless if they do not have adequate money in their student account or in hand to cover the cost of the meal at the time of service.

If a student does not have adequate money in their student account or in hand to cover the cost of the meal at the time of service, all students may choose a meal from required component contributions to create a reimbursable meal. The food service cashier keys a reimbursable breakfast and/or lunch meal charging the student's account accordingly. The Food Service secretary (person in charge of Point Of Service-POS), runs a weekly report via Nutrikids

showing all student accounts in a negative balance greater than \$10.00. Upon the first occurrence when a student account is in a negative balance greater than \$10.00, the Food Service secretary sends a written letter to the household asking for the student balance to be paid and also sends a copy of the policy for unpaid meal charges to the household along with the letter. Upon the second consecutive occurrence when a student account is in a negative balance greater than \$10.00, the Food Service secretary notifies the Food Service Director. The Food Service Director sends out another letter and or requests that the lead POS person/secretary-- call and document interaction with each household.

*Students may not be allowed to charge for a la carte items in the cafeteria. All a la carte items in the cafeteria are to be paid with cash. Students with cafeteria debt may not be allowed to purchase ala carte items until their debt is paid. Unpaid meal charges will have to be collected by the end of the school year. **Meal debt cannot be carried into the following school year.**

*Accounts with a positive amount may be carried into the following school year.

Cafeteria Fund

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a cafeteria fund independent of the district's general fund.

The wages, salaries, and benefits of food service employees shall be paid from the district's general fund. At any time, the Board may order reimbursement from the district's cafeteria fund for these payments in amounts prescribed by the Board and not exceeding the costs actually incurred. (Education Code 38103)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that state and federal funds provided through school meal programs are allocated only for purposes related to the operation or improvement of food services and reasonable and necessary indirect program costs as allowed by law.

With Board approval, the district may enter into a contract for food service consulting services or management services in one or more district schools. (Education Code 45103.5; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

Procurement of Foods

To the maximum extent practicable, foods purchased for use in school meals by the district or by any entity purchasing food on its behalf shall be domestic commodities or products. Domestic commodity or product means an agricultural commodity that is produced in the United States and a food product that is processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities that are produced in the United States. (42 USC 1760; 7 CFR 210.21)

A nondomestic food product may be purchased for use in the district's food service program only as a last resort when the product is not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonable quantities of a satisfactory quality, or when competitive bids reveal the costs of a United States product are significantly higher than the nondomestic product. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall retain documentation justifying the exception.

Program Monitoring and Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall present to the Board, at least annually, financial reports regarding revenues and expenditures related to the food service program.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the CDE to ensure compliance of the district's food service program with federal requirements related to maintenance of the nonprofit school food service account, meal charges, paid lunch equity, revenue from nonprogram goods, indirect costs, and USDA foods.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

38080-38086 Cafeteria, establishment and use
38090-38095 Cafeterias, funds and accounts
38100-38103 Cafeterias, allocation of charges
42646 Alternate payroll procedure
45103.5 Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions
49490-49493 School breakfast and lunch programs
49500-49505 School meals
49554 Contract for services
49550-49562 Meals for needy students

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
1751-1769j School lunch programs
1771-1791 Child nutrition, including:

1773 School breakfast program
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

200.56 Indirect costs, definition
200.400-200.475 Cost principles
200 Appendix VII Indirect cost proposals
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7
210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program
250.1-250.70 USDA foods

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California School Accounting Manual

Food Distribution Program Administrative Manual

Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies, Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments, and Excess Student Account Balances, Management Bulletin, SNP-03-2017,

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Cafeteria Funds--Allowable Uses, Management Bulletin NSD-SNP-07-2013, May 2013

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FAQs About School Meals

Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance and Q&A, SP 23-2017, March 2017

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Overcoming the Unpaid Meal Challenge: Proven Strategies from Our Nation's Schools, September 2016

Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies, SP 46-2016, July 2016

Compliance with and Enforcement of the Buy American Provision in the National School Lunch Program, SP 24-2016, February 2016

Discretionary Elimination of Reduced Price Charges in the School Meal Programs, SP 17-2014, January 2014

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd>

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