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8500 FOOD SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that breakfast and the midday meal is an important part of each pupil's school day. The Superintendent shall ensure a wholesome, nutritious food services program in the district and one which reinforces the concepts of nutrition education as taught in the classrooms of this district.

The Board shall provide food service facilities for the consumption of food on school premises. All pupils not expressly excused by the Principal shall be expected to remain at school for lunch.

The operation and supervision of the food services program shall be the responsibility of the Director of Food Services.

The district shall participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Program.

In order to ensure that the nutritional needs of district pupils are met, the Board directs the organization of a nutritional advisory committee composed of administrators, food service personnel, teachers, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and pupils interested in the nutritional program of the district. The committee shall make its recommendations to the Superintendent.

The Food Services Program shall be operated on a nonprofit basis. All monies derived from the operation, maintenance, or sponsorship of the food service facilities shall be deposited in the Food Service Account within 48 hours. To ensure that food service sales are deposited within 48 hours from time of collection, the Food Services Department shall have ready all available deposits to be handed over to Security Services at time of pick up. The Board of Education recognizes that only a bonded officer from the Office of Security Services will pick up all available deposits and deliver said deposits directly to the nearest board approved banking institution before 1:00 p.m. daily.



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The net cash resources of the food service account may not exceed three months' operating cost. A periodic review of the food service account shall be made by the Business Administrator. Any surplus funds shall be used to reduce the cost of the service to pupils or to purchase cafeteria equipment.

The Superintendent through the Principal shall ensure the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises, free from fire and health hazards, for the preparation and consumption of food and the safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment in strict compliance with regulations of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.1; 18A:33-3 et seq.; 18A:58-7.1

N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.6 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 8:24-2.1 through 7.5

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