

Business and Noninstructional Operations

FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS / CAFETERIA FUND

Payments for Meals

With the exception of students who are eligible to receive meals at no cost, students may pay on a per-meal basis or may submit payments in advance. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an account indicating payments received from each student for the purchase of school meals.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of the district's meal payment policies and encouraged to prepay for meals whenever possible.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Students and their parents/guardians shall be notified weekly whenever their account has a zero balance. Students are allowed to charge a maximum of three lunches (totaling \$8.25) before receiving an alternate meal.

In cases of repeated nonpayment by a student, the Superintendent or designee may contact parents/guardians to discuss the reasons for the nonpayment. The Superintendent or designee may evaluate individual circumstances to determine if the student's parents/guardians need assistance completing an application for free or reduced-price meals or need referral to social services.

In any school that uses a system of meal tickets or other similar medium of exchange rather than an electronic point-of-sale system, a student shall be allowed at least three replacement tickets each school year in the event that tickets are lost or stolen. School staff shall maintain a list of students who have reported lost or stolen tickets and the number of occurrences for each student. When it has been determined that a student has reached the limit, school staff shall issue at least one advance warning to the student or his/her parent/guardian prior to denying a replacement ticket. However, prekindergarten and younger primary students or students with disabilities who may be unable to take full responsibility for their meal tickets shall not be denied meals when tickets are lost or stolen.

Students and parents/guardians shall be advised in writing of the school's policy regarding replacement tickets at the beginning of the school year and/or when applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed or approved.

Reimbursement Claims

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the number of meals served each day by school site and by category of free, reduced-price, and full-price meals. The Superintendent or designee shall submit reimbursement claims for school meals to the California Department of Education (CDE) using the online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System.

Cafeteria Fund

All proceeds from food sales and other services offered by the cafeteria shall be deposited in the cafeteria fund as provided by law. The income and expenditures of any cafeteria revolving account established by the Governing Board shall be recorded as income and expenditures of the cafeteria fund. (Education Code 38090, 38091, 38092)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3300 - Expenditures and Purchases)

The cafeteria fund shall be used only for those expenditures authorized by the Board as necessary for the operation of school cafeterias in accordance with Education Code 38100-38103, 2 CFR 255, and the California School Accounting Manual. (Education Code 38091, 38101; 2 CFR 255)

Any charges to, or transfers from, a food service program shall be dated and accompanied by a written explanation of the expenditure's purpose and basis. (Education Code 38101)

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that foods received through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are handled, stored, and distributed in facilities which: (7 CFR 250.14)

1. Are sanitary and free from rodent, bird, insect, and other animal infestation.
2. Safeguard foods against theft, spoilage, and other loss.
3. Maintain foods at proper storage temperatures.
4. Store foods off the floor in a manner to allow for adequate ventilation.
5. Take other protective measures as may be necessary.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain inventories of USDA foods in accordance with 7 CFR 250.59 and CDE procedures, and shall ensure that foods are used before their expiration dates.

USDA foods shall be used in school lunches as far as practicable, but also may be used in other nonprofit

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food service activities, with any revenues accruing to the district's nonprofit food service account. Such activities may include school breakfasts or other meals, a la carte foods sold to students, meals served to adults directly involved in the operation and administration of the food service and to other school staff, and training in nutrition, health, food service, or general home economics instruction for students. (7 CFR 250.60)

Contracts with Outside Services

The term of any contract for food service management or consulting services shall not exceed one year. Any renewal of the contract or further requests for proposals to provide such services shall be considered on a year-to-year basis. (Education Code 45103.5; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for management of the food service operation shall be approved by CDE and comply with the conditions in Education Code 49554 and 7 CFR 210.16 as applicable. The district shall retain control of the quality, extent, and general nature of its food services, including prices to be charged to students for meals, and shall monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits. The district shall not enter into a contract with a food service company to provide a la carte food services only, unless the company agrees to offer free, reduced-price, and full-price reimbursable meals to all eligible students. (Education Code 49554; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for consulting services shall not result in the supervision of food service classified staff by the management consultant, nor shall it result in the elimination of any food service classified staff or position or have any adverse effect on the wages, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment of classified food service staff or positions. All persons providing consulting services shall be subject to applicable employment conditions related to health and safety as listed in Education Code 45103.5. (Education Code 45103.5)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 3515.6 - Criminal Background Checks for Contractors)

(cf. 3600 - Consultants)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 4212 - Appointments and Conditions of Employment)

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