

### **Food/School Nutrition Services**

The Board shall provide a District-wide school nutrition program in compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. It is the intent of the Board that school nutrition services be a self-supporting program.

Lunchrooms shall serve meals that meet or exceed the requirements specified by state and federal regulations.

#### **MEAL CHARGES**

All parents shall be provided the written meal charge policy at the beginning of each school year or upon enrollment in the District for students transferring in mid-year. In addition, parents shall be advised of the available payment systems and meal prices.

The written meal charge policy shall be distributed to all school level staff including school nutrition employees involved in policy enforcement.

The District strongly advises against students charging their meals unless it is an emergency. Students are notified when a charge occurs. In addition, written notification will be sent home to parents/guardians twice monthly. If charges become excessive verbal communication will be attempted. The District reserves the right to take steps deemed necessary to collect charges owed. The District reserves the right to revoke the charging privilege if it becomes excessively abused. If parents have not contacted the Cafeteria Manager or submitted the amount indicated within ten (10) working days from the date of the final notice, the debt will be considered delinquent and may be directed to the Board Attorney.

Food Service funds may be used to collect delinquent meal charges.

The goal of school food service is to provide healthy meals to all students on a daily basis. It is not the intent of school food service to deny a student a meal or embarrass a student due to cafeteria charges. Every effort will be made to help any family that is in need.

#### **FOOD SERVICE/SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The District (or food service area to which the District belongs) shall appoint/select a Food Service/School Nutrition Program Director to oversee and manage the school nutrition service program. All Food Service/School Nutrition Program Directors shall meet minimum educational requirements and annual training requirements in accordance with federal and state law.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT/PUBLIC FORUM**

Immediately following the release of the annual school nutrition report, the Board shall discuss the findings and seek public comment during a publicly advertised Board meeting.

By January 31 of each year, the Board shall hold an advertised public forum to present a plan to improve school nutrition in the District.

The District shall compile a summary of findings and recommendations and submit the summary to the Kentucky Board of Education.

**Food/School Nutrition Services****DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS**

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in its school nutrition program.

Anyone wishing to initiate a complaint concerning discrimination in the delivery of benefits or services in the District's school nutrition program should go to the link below or mail a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington D.C. 20250-9410, or email, [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

[http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html)

District personnel shall assist parents/guardians and students wishing to file a complaint.

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

Students whose dietary needs qualify them for an adaptation under law shall be provided accommodations in keeping with local procedures.

All parents shall be provided notice of how to request meal accommodations and how to submit a grievance related to a request for modifications based on a disability, at the beginning of each school year or upon enrollment in the District for students transferring in mid-year.

**REFERENCES:**

[KRS 156.160](#)

[KRS 158.852](#); [KRS 158.856](#); [KRS 160.290](#)

[702 KAR 006:010](#); [702 KAR 006:050](#); [702 KAR 006:075](#); [702 KAR 006:090](#)

7 C.F.R. part 15b; 7 C.F.R. §210.23; 7 C.F.R. §210.31; FNS Instruction 113

Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act

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