

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Policy

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

BP 3550

FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to the district's food service programs and to maximize their participation in available programs.

Foods and beverages available through the district's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law and administrative regulation

(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits

4. Be served in age-appropriate portions

5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

6. Be served in a clean, pleasant facility

The district's food service program shall give priority to serving unprocessed foods and fresh fruits and vegetables.

District schools are encouraged to establish school gardens and/or farm-to-school projects to increase the availability of safe, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables for school meals and to support the district's nutrition education program.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

The Superintendent or designee may invite students and parents/guardians to participate in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school menus.

The Board desires to provide students with adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school meal programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school facilities for cafeteria eating and food preparation.

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3517- Facilities Inspection)

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a food safety program in order to reduce the risk of foodborne hazards at each step of the food preparation process, from receiving to service.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on student participation in the district's nutrition programs and the extent to which the district's food services program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5	Contracts, non-nutritious beverages
38080-38103	Cafeteria, establishment and use
45103.5	Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions
49430-49436	Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
49490-49494	School breakfast and lunch programs
49500-49505	School meals
49510-49520	Nutrition
49530-49536	Child Nutrition Act
49540-49546	Child care food program
49547-49548.3	Comprehensive nutrition services
49550-49562	Meals for needy students
49570	National School Lunch Act
51795-51797	School gardens

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15510	Mandatory meals for needy students
15530-15535	Nutrition education
15550-15565	School lunch and breakfast programs
15575-15578	Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meal programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769j National School Lunch Program, including:
1758b Local wellness policy
1761 Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option
1769a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
1771-1793 Child nutrition, especially:
1772 Special Milk Program
1773 National School Breakfast Program

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
215.1-215.18 Special Milk Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program
245.1-245.13 Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009

Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007

Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007

Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

School Meals Initiative Summary

Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005

CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS

Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

School Breakfast Toolkit

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools, December 2010

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, December 2007

Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005

Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles, June 2005

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Farm Bureau Federation: <http://www.cfbf.com>

California Food Policy Advocates: <http://www.cfpa.net>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

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

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