The Board of Education recognizes the midday meal as 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 School Business Administrator. The management of the food services program will be performed by a Food Service Management Company (FSMC). The FSMC will also be responsible for supplying all personnel to staff the district’s kitchens and to follow all federal and state guidelines and laws which affect the food service program.

The district shall participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Program.

The Food Service Program shall be operated on a nonprofit basis. All moneys derived from the operation, maintenance, or sponsorship of the food service facilities shall be deposited in the Food Service Account. 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 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.

Students who do not qualify for a free or reduced lunch and who do not bring a lunch or lunch money to purchase a lunch will be allowed to charge a reimbursable meal. The student will be told by kitchen staff that the meal must be paid as soon as possible. The staff will maintain a record of who has charged a lunch. Following the third time of charging with no reimbursement received, the student’s name and the amount due will be forwarded to the Building Principal. The Principal will contact the parents to inform them of the amount due to the Cafeteria. The Cafeteria staff will inform the Principal of any payments received.

If a student has more than three (3) charged lunches, the student will be given a sandwich, milk and fruit until the lunch debt is paid in full.

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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