

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Food Services

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7 The District shall provide school meals which meet or exceed the nutritional standards required
8 by state and federal school lunch programs.

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10 To encourage the eating of nutritious lunches and be in compliance with the Competitive Food
11 Rules in Schools and the National School Lunch Program regulations, competitive food services
12 shall not be permitted to operate anywhere on school premises. Only foods and beverages that
13 meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards may be sold or served on
14 the school campus during the school day. The school day is defined as the time between
15 midnight the night before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. The School
16 Campus is defined as all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are
17 accessible to students during the school day. Any food and beverage sales of an occasional nature
18 must comply with the nutritional requirements during the school hours. This includes school
19 stores, snack bars, vending machines, ala carte items in the cafeteria and applies to all grade
20 levels.

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22 Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program shall not accept
23 donations of food without the approval of the Food Service Director, who has been delegated this
24 function by the Board. The Superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures
25 for the donated food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met
26 before selling the food as part of school meals.

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28 As an integral part of a school, the District's food service is operated in compliance with ARM
29 Title 37, chapter 110, subchapter 2, rules for food services establishments.

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31 Meal Prices

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33 It is the Board's desire that the price of school meals be sufficient to cover costs of the meals,
34 including preparation labor, food costs, handling costs, utility costs, and equipment depreciation
35 costs and not direct resources away from the schools' instructional program. The District will
36 follow the pricing guidelines established in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

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38 Commodities

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40 The District shall participate in the Federal Food Commodity Program for school meals.

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42 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

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44 The District will provide free and reduced-price meals to students according to the terms of the
45 National School Lunch Program and the laws, rules and regulations of the state. Applications are
46 available in paper form on request at the schools and the food service office or parent/guardians
47 may apply on line. The District will inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or

1 reduced-price meals by sending the result letters by mail or email as available. It is the parent or
2 guardian's responsibility to ensure the correct mailing and email address are on file at the school.
3 Identity of students receiving free or reduced-price meals will be confidential in accordance with
4 the National School Lunch Program guidelines. A parent has the right to appeal any decision
5 with respect to his/her application for free or reduced-price food services to a designated hearing
6 official.
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8 Legal Reference:

9 § 20-10-204, MCA Duties of trustees

10 § 20-10-205, MCA Allocation of federal funds to school fund services Healthy, Hunger-Free
11 Kids Act of 2010

12 § 20-10-207, MCA Food services fund

13 37.111.842, ARM Food Service Requirements
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15 Cross Reference:

16 Policy 8205 Meal Charge Policy

17 Policy 8210 Procurement Policy for School Food Purchases
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