

1 **8200 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS/SCHOOL FACILITIES**

2 **Food Services**

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

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

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

20 Meal Prices

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

25 Commodities

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

27 Free and Reduced Price Food Services

28 The District will provide free and reduced price meals to students according to the terms of the National  
29 School Lunch Program and the laws, rules and regulations of the state. Applications are available in  
30 paper form on request at the schools and the food service office or parent/guardians may apply on line.  
31 The District will inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or reduced price meals by sending the  
32 result letters by mail or email as available. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to ensure the  
33 correct mailing and email address are on file at the school. Identity of students receiving free or reduced  
34 price meals will be confidential in accordance with the National School Lunch Program guidelines. A  
35 parent has the right to appeal any decision with respect to his/her application for free or reduced price  
36 food services to a designated hearing official.

37 Cross Reference:

38 Policy 8205 – Meal Charge Policy

39 Policy 8210 – Procurement Policy for School Food Purchases

40 Legal Reference:

41 § 20-10-204, MCA Duties of trustees

1 § 20-10-207, MCA Food services fund

2 § 20-10-205, MCA Allocation of federal funds to school fund services Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of  
3 2010

4 Policy History:

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