

Business

Food Service

Food Services are to be provided to all students of the District, regardless of their place of residence, or of financial or physical limitations. Such food service can be conducted by the school district, or may be contracted out to a food management firm in accordance with contracts developed through a bid or negotiated basis. Such contracts are to be reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and be recommended to the School Board for approval.

1. Purposes and Facilities

- a. The school food service program shall provide students with the nutritional requirements necessary for their physical, emotional and intellectual development.
- b. The food service program should correlate with the District's nutritional education curriculum.
- c. In order to participate in the National School Lunch Program, it will be necessary for the School Board to sign the required contracts with the Department of Public Instruction.
- d. All elementary schools will serve the required lunch pattern.
- e. All secondary schools will serve the required lunch pattern and provide an ala carte service. The option of offer vs. serve will be available to students.
- f. School lunches will be available in all schools for all children provided that charges will be made to cover employee salaries and fringe benefits and all direct expenses.
- g. Lunches will be served at regular, reduced prices or without charge. The School Board shall establish prices in accordance with the guidelines given by the National School Lunch Program.
- h. A reasonable length of time should be scheduled for the elementary lunch period. This time should include no less than 20 minutes for eating and no less than ten minutes for playground activities.

The principal and the staff may implement a more flexible schedule.

Elementary students will be allowed to leave the school grounds at a request of parents/guardians to eat lunch within their own homes within the time period that is provided for that child if she/he were to remain at school.

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- i. The high school lunch schedule will be established as the same length as a regular school period. Rules regarding the lunch period shall be publicized within each high school as developed for that school.

Each school shall develop and implement programs and facilities for students to have social, recreational and academic activities during the school lunch period within the limit of available space and supervisory personnel.

The school lunch period will be open for students to leave the school during the noon hour.

2. Finance

- a. All direct food service expenditures such as wages, fringe benefits, supplies, etc., shall be charged to the food service program.
- b. Insofar as possible, annual food service receipts shall be equal to the annual total direct expenditures.

3. Equipment

- a. Insofar as possible, the food service program shall replace equipment out of its operating budget.
- b. Additional equipment shall be budgeted in the general capital outlay budget.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes § 115.34; § 115.341; § 115.143; § 120.10(16);
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