

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 808

Section: 800 Operations

Title: Food Services

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## 808 FOOD SERVICES

### **Purpose**

The Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that students require nourishing meals in order to grow, learn, and maintain good health. Therefore, the Board enacts this Policy to provide students with access to high-quality, nutrient-rich meals as a means of promoting student health and providing safe, welcoming, and healthy environments in School District of Philadelphia (“District”) schools.

### **Authority**

The Board shall offer food services to students in conformity with all applicable federal laws and regulations, including the guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). [1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12]

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or their designee, through the Division of Food Services, shall provide food service for school breakfasts and school lunches, at no cost to the student, that meets the standards required by state and federal school breakfast and lunch programs.[1][2][6][7][8][13][14][15][16]

Cafeterias shall be operated on a non-profit basis.[8][12][15][17][18][19]

The Division of Food Services may also arrange for participation in feeding programs that provide meals to students enrolled in the District's after school education programs.[3][7][14][19][20]

The Division of Food Services shall develop Administrative Procedures that list the prices for non-program food in conformity with applicable law.[17][18][21]

The Division of Food Services shall make appropriate food service and/or meal accommodations to students with special dietary needs in accordance with applicable law, regulations and Board policy.[1][2][4][5][21][22][23][24][25]

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Chief Financial Officer, to review the cafeteria accounts monthly.[11][12][13][17][21]

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Office of Auditing Services, to review the cafeteria accounts annually.[9][10][11][12][17][21]

The Superintendent or their designee, through the Division of Food Services, shall annually notify students, parents/guardians, and employees concerning the contents of this policy and applicable Administrative Procedures. Notification shall include information related to nondiscrimination.[4]

### **Mandatory Regulatory Procedures**

In conformity with any applicable provisions of a collective bargaining agreement with the District, school employees may purchase food available at schools. The price for all food items sold in the schools, including non-program foods, shall be established annually by the Division of Food Services and shall comply with state and federal laws and regulations.[17][18][21][26]

The District shall not, in the operation of the food service program, discriminate against any student, staff member, or other individual on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability.[4][5]

The Superintendent or designee shall comply with local, state and federal requirements for conducting cafeteria health and safety inspections.[6][10][12][16][19][27]

### **Professional Standards for Food Service Personnel**

The District shall comply with the professional standards for school food service personnel who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.[8][11][15][27]

### **School Food Safety Program**

The District shall comply with federal requirements to prevent or minimize the risk of foodborne illness among students and maintain proper health and sanitation standards.[1][2][3][10][12][16][19]

### **School Meal Service and Accounts**

The District shall not charge students for breakfast, lunch, and after-school meals.  
[1][2][3][7][14][15]

### **Legal References:**

1. 7 CFR Part 210

2. 7 CFR Part 220
3. 42 U.S.C. 1766a
4. FNS Instruction 113-1 (USDA)
5. 7 CFR 210.23
6. 3 Pa. C.S.A. 5713
7. 24 P.S. 1335
8. 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq
9. 2 CFR Part 200
10. 7 CFR 210.13
11. 7 CFR 210.15
12. 7 CFR 220.7
13. 24 P.S. 1337
14. 42 U.S.C. 1759a
15. 42 U.S.C. 1773
16. 42 U.S.C. 1758(h)
17. 24 P.S. 504
18. 7 CFR 210.14
19. 7 CFR 210.9
20. 7 CFR Part 226
21. 42 U.S.C. 1760
22. 7 CFR 15b.40
23. Policy 103.1 - Nondiscrimination-Qualified Students With Disabilities/Protected Handicapped Students
24. Policy 113 - Special Education
25. Policy 209.1 - Food Allergy Management
26. 24 P.S. 807.1
27. 7 CFR 210.30

**Related Information:**

24 P.S. 696

P.L. 111-296 7 CFR Part 15

7 CFR Part 215

Policy 103 - Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices

Philadelphia Code of Ordinances (Health Code) - Title 6, Sections 6-102, 6-301

[Administrative Procedures for Food Services](#)