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General Food Service Requirements

The School Board of Lee County shall adopt policies and regulations for nutritious, well-presented meals at the most economical value for students and staff.

- (1) The School Food Service Program shall operate according to requirements set forth in Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules. The School Food Service Program shall include the federally reimbursed lunch program, ala carte food, beverage offerings, and sales of food and beverage items offered through vending machines or other methods to students at all school facilities during the school day. It may include the federally reimbursed breakfast and snack programs, catering and sales to others.
- (2) The School Food Service Program shall be an integral part of the District's educational program, offering nutritional and educational opportunities to students.
- (3) Foods and beverages available in schools shall be only those which meet the nutritional needs of students and contribute to the development of desirable health habits unless provided otherwise in School Board rules.
- (4) The School Food Service Program shall meet the standards for Food Service and Sanitation and Safety as provided by the Florida State Board of Health and Florida State Department of Education.
- (5) School Food and Nutrition Service funds shall not be considered or treated as internal funds of the local school, but shall be part of the District School Food and Nutrition Service funds. School Food and Nutrition Service funds shall be subject to all the requirements applicable to the District fund such as budgeting, accounting, reporting, and purchasing and such additional requirements as set forth in the written procedures manual authorized in this policy.
- (6) USDA commodities shall be acquired, stored, and utilized in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture and related State Board of Education Rules.
- (7) The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a written procedures manual to govern School Food and Nutrition Services programs.
- (8) The District will offer universal-free school breakfast meals to all students in each elementary, middle, and high school in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. This does not include any Charter Schools.

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