



Chico Unified School District

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FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health and well-being, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to and participation in the district's food service programs and maintain fiscal integrity of the programs in accordance with law.

Each school day, a nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch shall be made available at no cost to any student who requests a meal, including a student enrolled in an independent study program on any school day in which the student is scheduled for in-person educational activities of two or more hours. A nutritionally adequate breakfast or lunch is one that qualifies for reimbursement under the most current meal pattern for the federal School Breakfast Program or National School Lunch Program.

After a student has been provided a school meal at no cost, the district may sell the student the entrée from an additional nutritiously adequate meal that qualifies for federal reimbursement, from the same meal service. (Education Code 49431)

Foods and beverages available through the district's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease
2. Meet or exceed nutritional standards specified in law
3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits
4. Be served in age-appropriate portions

The district's food service program shall give priority to serving freshly prepared onsite meals, using whole or minimally processed sustainable foods which are locally grown or produced, including fresh fruits and vegetables, and providing plant-based or restricted diet food options for students.

District schools are encouraged to establish school gardens and/or farm-to-school projects to increase the availability of safe, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables for school meals, positively impact students' knowledge related to food and nutrition, support the district's nutrition education program, and increase students' consumption of these foods and participation in school meals.

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

The Superintendent or designee may invite students and parents/guardians to participate in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school menus.

Students shall be allowed adequate time and space to eat meals. (Education Code 49501.5)

To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to promote participation in school meal programs.

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The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school cafeterias and facilities for food preparation and consumption.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a food safety program in order to reduce the risk of foodborne hazards at each step of the food preparation and service process.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on student participation in the district's nutrition programs and the extent to which the district's food services program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary and available documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) to ensure the food service program's compliance with federal requirements related to nutrition standards, meal patterns, provision of drinking water, school meal environment, food safety, and other areas as required by CDE.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: *These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy*

State	Description
5 CCR 15510	<u>Mandatory meals for needy students</u>
5 CCR 15530-15535	<u>Nutrition education</u>
5 CCR 15550-15565	<u>School lunch and breakfast programs</u>
5 CCR 15575-15578	<u>Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program</u>
Ed. Code 35182.5	<u>Contracts for advertising</u>
Ed. Code 38080-38103	<u>Cafeteria; establishment and use</u>
Ed. Code 45103.5	<u>Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions</u>
Ed. Code 48432.3	<u>Voluntary enrollment in continuation education</u>
Ed. Code 49430-49434	<u>Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001</u>
Ed. Code 49490-49494	<u>School breakfast and lunch programs</u>
Ed. Code 49501.5-49506	<u>School meals</u>
Ed. Code 49510-49520	<u>Nutrition</u>
Ed. Code 49530-49536	<u>Child Nutrition Act</u>
Ed. Code 49540-49546	<u>Child care food program</u>
Ed. Code 49547-49548.3	<u>Comprehensive nutrition services</u>
Ed. Code 49550.3-49562	<u>Meals for needy students</u>

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State	Description
Ed. Code 49570	<u>National School Lunch Act</u>
Ed. Code 51795-51798	<u>School instructional gardens</u>
H&S Code 113700-114437	<u>California Retail Food Code: sanitation and safety requirements</u>
Federal	Description
42 USC 1751-1769j	<u>School Lunch Program</u>
42 USC 1758b	<u>Local wellness policy</u>
42 USC 1761	<u>Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option</u>
42 USC 1769a	<u>Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program</u>
42 USC 1771-1793	<u>Child Nutrition Act</u>
42 USC 1772	<u>Special Milk Program</u>
42 USC 1773	<u>School Breakfast Program</u>
7 CFR 210.1-210.33	<u>National School Lunch Program</u>
7 CFR 215.1-215.18	<u>Special Milk Program</u>
7 CFR 220.2-220.22	<u>National School Breakfast Program</u>
7 CFR 245.1-245.13	<u>Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk</u>
Management Resources	Description
California Department of Education Publication	<u>Healthy Children Ready to Learn, 2006</u>
California Department of Education Publication	<u>Professional Standards in the School Nutrition Programs, Management Bulletin SNP-13-2020, Updated January 2022</u>
California Department of Food and Agriculture Pub	<u>Planting the Seed: Farm to School Roadmap for Success, February 2022</u>
California Project Lean Publication	<u>Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006</u>
CSBA Publication	<u>Monitoring for Success: A Guide for Assessing and Strengthening Student Wellness Policies, 2012</u>
CSBA Publication	<u>Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2008</u>
CSBA Publication	<u>Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, October 2007</u>
CSBA Publication	<u>Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009</u>
CSBA Publication	<u>Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, April 2006</u>

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Management Resources	Description
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<u>School Breakfast Toolkit</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<u>Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<u>Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<u>Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, May 2022</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<u>Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools, December 2010</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<u>Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles, June 2005</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Food and Agriculture, Office of Farm to Fork</u>
Website	<u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</u>
Website	<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service</u>
Website	<u>California Farm Bureau Federation</u>
Website	<u>Nourish California</u>
Website	<u>California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition)</u>
Website	<u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>
Website	<u>California School Nutrition Association</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Education, School Nutrition</u>
Website	<u>National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Public Health</u>
Website	<u>California Healthy Kids Resource Center</u>
Website	<u>CSBA</u>

Cross References

Code	Description
0500	Accountability
1312.4	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures
1325	Advertising And Promotion
1340	Access To District Records
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3260	Fees And Charges



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3514	<i>Environmental Safety</i>
3517	<i>Facilities Inspection</i>
3551	<i>Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund</i>
3552	<i>Summer Meal Program</i>
3553	<i>Free And Reduced Price Meals</i>
3554	<i>Other Food Sales</i>
3555	<i>Nutrition Program Compliance</i>
3580	<i>District Records</i>
4131	<i>Staff Development</i>
4141.6	<i>Concerted Action/Work Stoppage</i>
4231	<i>Staff Development</i>
5030	<i>Student Wellness</i>
5141.27	<i>Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs</i>
5145.6	<i>Parent/Guardian Notifications</i>
5148	<i>Child Care And Development</i>
5148.2	<i>Before/After School Programs</i>
5148.3	<i>Preschool/Early Childhood Education</i>
6142.8	<i>Comprehensive Health Education</i>
6173	<i>Education For Homeless Children</i>
6176	<i>Weekend/Saturday Classes</i>
7110	<i>Facilities Master Plan</i>