



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, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to the district's food service programs and to maximize their participation in available programs.

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

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

2. Meet or exceed nutritional standards specified in law and administrative regulation

(cf. 3552 – Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

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

5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices.

(cf. 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)

(cf. 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals)

The district's food service program shall give priority to serving unprocessed foods and fresh fruits and vegetables.

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 means and to support the district's nutrition education program.

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

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 shall encourage the participation of students and parents/guardians in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school menus.

The Board desires to provide students with adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school meal programs.

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

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(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3517- Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

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 process, from receiving to service.

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 nutritional standards for foods and beverages.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf 3555 – Nutrition Program Compliance)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35182.5 Contracts, non-nutritious beverages
38080-38103 Cafeteria, establishment and use
45103.5 Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions
49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs
49500-49505 School meals
49510-49520 Nutrition
49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act
49540-49546 Child care food program
49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services
49550-49562 Meals for needy students
49570 National School Lunch Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
15510 Mandatory meals for needy students
15530-15535 Nutrition education
15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs
15575-15578 Requirements for foods and beverages outside federal meal programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769j National School Lunch Program, including:
1758b Local wellness policy
1761 Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option
1769a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
1771-1793 Child nutrition, especially:
1772 Special Milk Program
1773 National School Breakfast Program
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7
210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
215.1-215.18 Special Milk Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program
245.1-245.13 Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

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School Meals Initiative Summary
Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005
CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS
Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS
School Breakfast Toolkit
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools, December 2010
Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, December 2007
Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005
Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles, June 2005
Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005
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California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>
California Farm Bureau Federation: <http://www.cfbf.com>
California Food Policy Advocates: <http://www.cfpa.net>
California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>
California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition): <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>
California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>
National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns>