Policy

**FOOD SERVICES**

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The district food service program operates under the current guidelines and standards established by state and federal laws and the South Carolina State Board of Education.

The purpose of the district food program is as follows:

* to maintain and improve the health and physical fitness of students by providing an adequate meal
* to provide a satisfactory learning experience in the food program which will contribute to the overall development of students
* to provide free or reduced-price meals for students from economically deprived families

The administration will establish rules and procedures which conform to state and federal requirements regarding participation in programs for free and reduced price meals and supplementary food. The administration will report such regulations to the board from time to time for its approval.

Eligibility for students to receive free or reduced price meals will be determined by current federal and state laws. Schools will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to the program and prevent the overt identification of students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

The district will not deny any child who a principal or teacher believes is improperly nourished a free lunch, milk, or other food simply because the district has not received proper application from the child’s parent/legal guardian.

The board, with the recommendation of the food service supervisor, sets meal prices for students annually based upon South Carolina Department of Education guidelines.

Students/parents/legal guardians wishing to initiate a complaint concerning discrimination in the delivery of benefits or services in the district’s school nutrition program should go to the link below or mail a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.S., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or email, [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

<http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html>

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Legal References:

1. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
2. Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (CNA), 42 U.S.C.A. Section 1771, *et seq*.
3. Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-296, 124 Stat. 3183.
4. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
5. Sections 59-10-310, *et seq.* - Nutrition standards.
6. Code of Federal Regulations, as amended:
7. National School Lunch Program, 7 C.F.R. Section 210.10.
8. School Breakfast Program, 7 C.F.R. Section 220.8.
9. State Board of Education Regulations:
10. R43-168 - Nutrition standards for elementary (K-5) school food service meals and competitive foods.