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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.

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 nutrition 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
5. Be provided at no cost to students who request a meal

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate information related to the district's food service programs to the public through available means, including, but not limited to, the district's web site, social media, flyers, and school publications.

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

To the extent possible, the school meal program shall be coordinated with the nutrition education program, instructional program for teachers, parents/guardians and food service employees, available community resources,

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and other related district programs.

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

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 service 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 the 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	Mandatory meals for needy students
5 CCR 15530-15535	Nutrition education
5 CCR 15550-15565	School lunch and breakfast programs

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5 CCR 15575-15578

Ed. Code 35182.5

Ed. Code 38080-38103

Ed. Code 45103.5

Ed. Code 48432.3

Ed. Code 49430-49434

Ed. Code 49490-49494

Ed. Code 49500-49505

Ed. Code 49501.5

Ed. Code 49510-49520

Ed. Code 49530-49536

Ed. Code 49540-49546

Ed. Code 49547-49548.3

Ed. Code 49550-49562

Ed. Code 49570

Ed. Code 51795-51797

H&S Code 113700-114437

Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program

Contracts for advertising

Cafeteria; establishment and use

Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions

Voluntary enrollment in continuation education

Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001

School breakfast and lunch programs

School meals

California Universal Meals Program

Nutrition

Child Nutrition Act

Child care food program

Comprehensive nutrition services

Meals for needy students

National School Lunch Act

School instructional gardens

California Retail Food Code; sanitation and safety requirements

Federal

42 USC 1751-1769j

42 USC 1758b

42 USC 1761

42 USC 1769a

42 USC 1771-1793

42 USC 1772

42 USC 1773

7 CFR 210.1-210.31

7 CFR 215.1-215.18

7 CFR 220.2-220.22

7 CFR 245.1-245.13

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National School Lunch Program

Local wellness policy

Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Child Nutrition Act

Special Milk Program

School Breakfast Program

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Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

Management Resources

CA Project Lean Publication

California Department of Education Publication

California Department of Education Publication

Description

Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006

Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005

Professional Standards in the School Nutrition Programs, Management Bulletin SNP-13-2020, Updated January 2022

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CSBA Publication	<i>Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness</i> , Policy Brief, rev. October 2007
CSBA Publication	<i>Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide</i> , 2007
CSBA Publication	<i>Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide</i> , rev. April 2006
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<i>School Breakfast Toolkit</i>
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<i>Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities</i> , FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<i>Dietary Guidelines for Americans</i> , 2005
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<i>Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs</i> , December 2007
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<i>Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools</i> , December 2010
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	<i>Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles</i> , June 2005
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>National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity</u>
Website	<u>California School Nutrition Association</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division</u>
Website	<u>California Department of Public Health</u>
Website	<u>California Healthy Kids Resource Center</u>
Website	<u>CSBA</u>

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