

The purpose of the school breakfast and lunch program is to serve nutritionally adequate, attractive, and moderately priced meals every day school is in session.

The board of education will participate in the federally subsidized National School Nutrition Program and abide by all program regulations relating to menu, record keeping, and administering free and reduced cost meals for students.

The board of education will set salaries for cafeteria employees and will set meal prices for students and teachers. The superintendent of schools will be responsible for administering the lunch program. He will hire cafeteria employees and will recommend salaries to the board of education.

The building principal will develop student schedules, behavior codes, and lunch-ticket accounting procedures necessary for the efficient operation of the program. He or she may delegate responsibilities to staff members on an equitable basis. The designated lunch room area shall be the only place used for serving and eating school lunches. An exception to this would be if the lunch room personnel prepared sack lunches for students to take on activity or field trips. Students shall be permitted to bring their lunches from home, but purchase lunchroom beverages. =

The head cook will be directly responsible to the superintendent of schools and perform duties assigned by the superintendent of schools. The head cook will be responsible for food preparation and duty assignments.

The food service program will operate on a non-profit basis. The price of breakfast and lunches will be fixed annually by the board of education at its July meeting and will be calculated to encourage participation in the program.

The cost of breakfast and lunches will be based on the cost for preparation and service of food, cost for components of the meal not federally donated or covered by subsidy, cost for replacement of expendable items, plus a charge for depreciation of equipment.

Children from families whose income is at or below the income poverty guidelines set up by the Federal Government shall be eligible for a free meal or at a reduced price. Parents must fill out an application in order for their children to qualify for free or reduced priced lunches.

Refer to AR-3535, Procedure for Accepting and Filing
Complaints Relating to School Lunch Program.

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