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“CHARGING” SCHOOL MEALS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST SHAMING

The Board of Education is committed to providing comprehensive and accessible food and nutrition to our students. This policy prohibits shaming of any student for any dietary restriction, health or medical need, or religious requirement. All schools in the district participate in the Community Eligibility Provision option of the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Services. This allows the district to provide free meals to all students in the district. Each student receives one meal per day per program (e.g., breakfast, lunch). If students wish to purchase additional meals or other food items, they must pay for those items at the time of the sale. The district does not permit charging to accounts for such “a la carte” items if students do not have funds available.

STAFF

Staff members are allowed to purchase food from the district’s food services. However, all purchases must be paid for at the point of sale with cash, payment account, credit/debit card]. Staff members are not allowed to charge meals to be repaid later.

Cross Ref: 8520, Free and Reduced-Price Meal Services

Ref: 42 USC §1779 (Child Nutrition Act of 1966)

42 USC §§1758(f)(1); 1766(a) (National School Lunch Act)

2 CFR §200.426 (accounting for debt in federal programs)

7 CFR §§210.9 210.12; 210.19; 220.13; 245.5 (accounting in federal school meal programs)

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