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BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS
FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS/CAFETERIA FUND**

AR 3551 (a)

Payments for Meal

With the exception of students who are eligible to receive meals at no cost, students may pay on a per-meal basis or may submit payments in advance. The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a system for accurately recording payments received and tracking meals provided to each student.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of the district's meal payment policies and encouraged to prepay for meals whenever possible.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Students and their parents/guardians shall be notified whenever their account has a negative balance. Whenever a student's account has an unpaid balance of \$25 or more, parents/guardians shall be notified in writing that full payment is due within seven school days from the date of the notice.

In cases of repeated nonpayment by a student, the Superintendent or designee may contact parents/guardians to discuss the reasons for the nonpayment. The Superintendent or designee may evaluate individual circumstances to determine if the student's parents/guardians need assistance completing an application for free or reduced-price meals or need referral to social services.

In order to avoid potential misuse of a student's food service account by someone other than the student in whose name the account has been established, the Superintendent or designee shall verify a student's identity when setting up the account and when charging any meal to the account. The Superintendent or designee shall investigate any claim that a bill does not belong to a student or is inaccurate, shall not require a student to pay a bill that appears to be the result of identity theft, and shall place a warning flag on the account of any student who appears to be the subject of identity theft.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)

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Reimbursement Claims

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records of the number of meals served each day by school site and by category of free, reduced-price, and full-price meals. The Superintendent or designee shall submit reimbursement claims for school meals to the California Department of Education (CDE) using the online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System.

Cafeteria Fund

All proceeds from food sales and other services offered by the cafeteria shall be deposited in the cafeteria fund as provided by law. The income and expenditures of any cafeteria revolving account established by the Governing Board shall be recorded as income and expenditures of the cafeteria fund. (Education Code 38090, 38091, and 38092)

(cf. 3100 – Budget)

(cf. 3300 – Expenditures and Purchases)

The cafeteria fund shall be used only for ~~Board authorized~~ ***those*** expenditures ***authorized by the Board as*** necessary for the operation of school cafeterias ***in accordance with Education Code 38100-38103, 2 CFR 225, and*** as defined in the California School Accounting Manual. ~~or appropriately reported to the California Department of Education.~~ (Education Code 38091, 38101; ***2 CFR 225***)

~~These expenditures may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for the following:~~
(Education Code 38091)

- ~~1. Construction, alteration, or improvement of a central food processing plant~~
- ~~2. Lease, purchase or installation of additional cafeteria equipment of the central food processing plant~~
- ~~3. Vending machines and their installation and housing~~
- ~~4. Computer equipment and related software~~
- ~~5. Lease or purchase of vehicles used primarily in connection with the central food processing plant~~

Any charges to, or transfers from, a food service program shall be dated and accompanied by a written explanation of the expenditure's purpose and basis. (Education Code 38101)

(cf. 3110 – Transfer of Funds)

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~~Any funds derived from the sale of cafeteria food and deposited in a Board established cafeteria equipment reserve shall be used only for the purchase, lease, maintenance or replacement of cafeteria equipment. (Education Code 38102)~~

Indirect costs charged to the food service program shall be based on either the district's prior year indirect cost rate or the statewide average approved indirect cost rate for the second prior fiscal year, whichever is less. (Education Code 38101)

Net cash resources in the nonprofit school food service shall not exceed three months average expenditures. If net cash resources exceed a three month average, the Superintendent or designee will enter into a Budget Agreement with the California Department of Education. (2 CFR 210.14)

U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that foods received through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are handled, stored, and distributed in facilities which: (7 CFR 250.14)

- 1. Are sanitary and free from rodent, bird, insect, and other animal infestation*
- 2. Safeguard foods against theft, spoilage, and other loss*
- 3. Maintain foods at proper storage temperatures*
- 4. Store foods off the floor in a manner to allow for adequate ventilation*
- 5. Take other protective measures as may be necessary*

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain inventories of USDA foods in accordance with 7 CFR 250.59 and CDE procedures, and shall ensure that foods are used before their expiration dates.

USDA foods shall be used in school lunches as far as practicable. USDA foods also may be used in other nonprofit food service activities, including, but not limited to, school breakfasts or other meals, a la carte foods sold to students, and meals served to adults directly involved in the operation and administration of the food service and to other school staff. (7 CFR 250.60)

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Contracts with Outside Services

The term of any contract for food service consulting services shall not exceed one year. Any renewal of the contract or further requests for proposals to provide such services shall be considered on a year-to-year basis. (Education Code 45103.5; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for management of the food service operation shall be approved by CDE and comply with the conditions in Education Code 49554 and 7 CFR 210.16 as applicable. The district shall retain control of the quality, extent, and general nature of its food services, including prices to be charged to students for meals, and shall monitor the food service operation through periodic on-site visits. The district shall not enter into a contract with a food service company to provide a la carte food services only, unless the company agrees to offer free, reduced-price, and full-price reimbursable meals to all eligible students. (Education Code 49554; 42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.16)

Any contract for consulting services shall not result in the supervision of food service classified staff by the management consultant, nor shall it result in the elimination of any food service classified staff or position or have any adverse effect on the wages, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment of classified food service staff or positions. All persons providing consulting services shall be subject to applicable employment conditions related to health and safety as listed in Education Code 45103.5. (Education Code 45103.5)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 3515.6 - Criminal Background Checks for Contractors)

(cf. 3600 - Consultants)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 4212 - Appointments and Conditions of Employment)

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