

**Policy 3550: Food Service/Child Nutrition Program**

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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 to maximize their participation in maintain fiscal integrity of the programs in accordance with law.

Foods and beverages available programs through the district's food service program shall:

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1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease
2. Meet or exceed nutritional nutrition standards specified in law and administrative regulation
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 available provided at no cost to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost request a meal

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At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or at reduced prices, and designee shall communicate information related to other students at reasonable prices

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, 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.

The Board desires to provide students with

Students shall be allowed adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage promote participation in school meal programs. The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school cafeterias and facilities for cafeteria eating and 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 process, from receiving to service 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.**

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**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 References**

	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 15510	Mandatory meals for needy students
5 CCR 15530-15535	Nutrition education
5 CCR 15550-15565	School lunch and breakfast programs
5 CCR 15575-15578	Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program
Ed. Code 35182.5	Contracts for advertising
Ed. Code 38080-38103	Cafeteria; establishment and use
Ed. Code 45103.5	Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions
Ed. Code 48432.3	Voluntary enrollment in continuation education
Ed. Code 49430-49434	Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
Ed. Code 49490-49494	School breakfast and lunch programs
Ed. Code 49500-49505	School meals
Ed. Code 49501.5	California Universal Meals Program
Ed. Code 49510-49520	Nutrition
Ed. Code 49530-49536	Child Nutrition Act
Ed. Code 49540-49546	Child care food program
Ed. Code 49547-49548.3	Comprehensive nutrition services
Ed. Code 49550-49562	Meals for needy students
Ed. Code 49570	National School Lunch Act
Ed. Code 51795-51797	School instructional gardens
H&S Code 113700-114437	California Retail Food Code; sanitation and safety requirements

**Federal References**

	<b>Description</b>
42 USC 1751-1769j	National School Lunch Program
42 USC 1758b	Local wellness policy
42 USC 1761	Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option
42 USC 1769a	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
42 USC 1771-1793	Child Nutrition Act
42 USC 1772	Special Milk Program
42 USC 1773	School Breakfast Program
7 CFR 210.1-210.31	National School Lunch Program
7 CFR 215.1-215.18	Special Milk Program
7 CFR 220.2-220.22	National School Breakfast Program
7 CFR 245.1-245.13	Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

**Management Resources References**

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CA Project Lean Publication	Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006
California Department of Education Publication	Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005
California Department of Education Publication	Professional Standards in the School Nutrition Programs, Management Bulletin SNP-13-2020, Updated January 2022
CSBA Publication	Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009
CSBA Publication	Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007
CSBA Publication	Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007
CSBA Publication	Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	School Breakfast Toolkit
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, December 2007
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools, December 2010
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles, June 2005
Website	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Wry6HD6BSTBkfn7BqplusR7BQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Wry6HD6BSTBkfn7BqplusR7BQ==</a>
Website	California Farm Bureau Federation - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/9DOOfPfd6z2oylYGKzj0qKA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/9DOOfPfd6z2oylYGKzj0qKA==</a>
Website	Nourish California - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5GeuVdU7HE4aLG3NFy4PTg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5GeuVdU7HE4aLG3NFy4PTg==</a>
Website	California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition) - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/lzuCbbhn3rBrfeZTSNnVCw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/lzuCbbhn3rBrfeZTSNnVCw==</a>
Website	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/UUjirqtk65lplusLWplusApdRjg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/UUjirqtk65lplusLWplusApdRjg==</a>
Website	National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/GZJffQ4Hi71GbK8lPjKsg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/GZJffQ4Hi71GbK8lPjKsg==</a>
Website	California School Nutrition Association - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/KnWOpY7WknrOcdh5fJ85QQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/KnWOpY7WknrOcdh5fJ85QQ==</a>
Website	California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/O5xpn2rTFL2uz0BslshlorGXQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/O5xpn2rTFL2uz0BslshlorGXQ==</a>
Website	California Department of Public Health - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/plusKghL3cnZRJOzDybcVsugA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/plusKghL3cnZRJOzDybcVsugA==</a>
Website	California Healthy Kids Resource Center - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Ve9Yf61snLK7fRzOPU1xiQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Ve9Yf61snLK7fRzOPU1xiQ==</a>
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**Cross References**

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1312.4	Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/4nKsf7OqCyf78FEQ5NpVbbA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/4nKsf7OqCyf78FEQ5NpVbbA==</a>

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1325	Advertising And Promotion - <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/1slshXspRaQThslshjxtigzLaZYg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/1slshXspRaQThslshjxtigzLaZYg==</a>
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