

FOOD SERVICE/CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

Nutritional Standards for National School Lunch and Breakfast Program

Any school participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program pursuant to 42 USC 1751-1769h and 1771-1791 shall serve meals that, on average over each school week: (Education Code 49531; 42 USC 1758, 1773; 7 CFR 210.10, 220.8)

1. Meet the nutrient levels and calorie requirements appropriate for the ages/grade levels served and the menu planning approach used, as specified in 7 CFR 210.10 or 220.8
2. Provide one-fourth (breakfast) or one-third (lunch) of the Recommended Dietary Allowances for protein, calcium, iron, vitamin A, and vitamin C appropriate for the ages/grade levels served and the menu planning approach used
3. Comply with applicable Dietary Guidelines for Americans which recommend:
 - a. Limiting the percentage of calories from saturated fat to less than 10 percent of total calories offered
 - b. Limiting the percentage of calories from total fat to 30 percent of total calories offered
 - c. Reducing sodium and cholesterol levels
 - d. Increasing the level of dietary fiber

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

Nutritional Standards for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Program

Any school that has students who meet federal eligibility criteria for free or reduced-price meals shall: (Education Code 49430.7)

1. Ensure that meals meet National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program nutritional guidelines or the state's menu planning options of SHAPE
2. Not sell or serve a food item that the district or school has deep fried, par fried, or flash fried, as defined in Education Code 49430, or that has been deep fried, par fried, or flash fried as part of the manufacturing process in an oil or fat prohibited by Education Code 49430.7

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3. Not sell or serve a food item containing artificial trans fat, including vegetable shortening, margarine, or any kind of hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated vegetable oil unless the manufacturer's documentation or label lists the trans fat content as less than 0.5 gram per serving

(cf. 3533 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

Nutritional Standards for Foods Outside the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program

For food items that are not sold as part of the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program, the following nutritional standards shall apply:

1. For foods sold to students in middle, junior high, and high schools: (Education Code 49430, 49431.2)
 - a. Each entree item shall:
 - (1) Not exceed 400 calories
 - (2) Contain no more than four grams of fat per 100 calories
 - (3) Be categorized as an entree item in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program
 - b. For each snack item that supplements a meal:
 - (1) Not more than 35 percent of its total calories shall be from fat, excluding nuts, nut butters, seeds, eggs, cheese packaged for individual sale, fruits, vegetables that have not been deep fried, or legumes.
 - (2) Not more than 10 percent of its total calories shall be from saturated fat, excluding eggs or cheese packaged for individual sale.
 - (3) Not more than 35 percent of its total weight shall be composed of sugar, including naturally occurring and added sugar, excluding fruits or vegetables that have not been deep fried.
 - (4) Its total calories shall not exceed 250 calories.

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2. Beginning July 1, 2009, any food provided to K-12 students during school hours and within one-half hour before and after school shall not contain or have been prepared with artificial trans fat, including vegetable shortening, margarine, or any kind of partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, unless the manufacturer's documentation or label lists the trans fat content as less than 0.5 grams per serving. (Education Code 49431.7)

At least 50 percent of the beverages sold to high school students from one-half hour before the start of the school day until one-half hour after the end of the school day shall be those specified in items #1-5 above. Beginning July 1, 2009, all of the beverages sold to high school students from one-half hour before the start of the school day until one-half hour after the end of the school day shall meet the standards specified in items #1-5 above. (Education Code 49431.5)

Food Safety

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's food service program meets the sanitation and safety requirements of the California Retail Food Code as set forth in Health and Safety Code 113700-114437.

For all district schools participating in the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program, the Superintendent or designee shall implement a school food safety program for the preparation and service of school meals which complies with the national Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles. (42 USC 1758)

The district's HACCP plan shall be in writing and shall address the components specified in Health and Safety Code 114419.1 including, but not limited to, methods for determining control measures needed to prevent hazards at each stage of food production, monitoring of the implementation of the food safety program, establishment of corrective actions to be taken if the proper time or temperature range is not met, training of food service employees and supervisors on food safety issues, recordkeeping, and periodic review of the food safety program.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate at least one staff member to be responsible for verification of the HACCP plan and shall provide the designated staff member with training in HACCP principles and the contents of the plan. Records of the training shall be retained for the duration of employment or a period of not less than two years, whichever is greater. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide applicable HACCP training to food service employees who work in food preparation and shall document the date, trainer, and subject of the training. (Health and Safety Code 114419.2)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

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All food preparation and service areas shall be inspected in accordance with Health and Safety Code 113725-113725.1 and county regulations.

Each school participating in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Program shall, during each school year, obtain a minimum of two food safety inspections conducted by the county environmental health agency. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7)

All schools shall post a notice indicating that the most recent inspection report is available to any interested person upon request. (42 USC 1758; 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7; Health and Safety Code 113725.1)

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)