

## **I. Purpose of the School Nutrition Program**

The purpose of the School Nutrition Program is to:

- Encourage the maintenance and improvement of the health and nutrition of children by supporting the implementation of nutritionally adequate, educationally sound, financially accountable, non-profit school food and nutrition programs.
- Work for the highest standards for school food and nutrition programs with an emphasis on nutritionally sound meals that are acceptable to students.
- Encourage and promote united efforts between school personnel and the general public to assure every child an opportunity to receive the benefits of school food and nutrition programs incorporating nutrition education.
- Encourage and develop the highest standards and provide appropriate educational programs for professional growth of the school food and nutrition personnel.
- Promote legislation and research designed to foster adequate school nutrition programs.
- Assist in making the school nutrition program a laboratory for nutrition education and other related educational activities.

## **II. Direction of Cafeterias**

The cafeterias operate under the direction of the principals. Each principal recommends personnel, monitors the program on a daily basis, determines the most efficient schedules and procedures to accelerate the flow of the cafeteria lines, and is responsible for the supervision of the students. The School Nutrition Director monitors the kitchen facilities, equipment, and the safety and sanitation of food.

## **III. Reimbursable Meals**

Each school serves a healthy meal that meets federal and state meal pattern requirements. Every effort is made to provide reimbursable meals to every student and utilize USDA foods in meal planning.

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