

Food Services Program

A food services program may be provided *directly* by the School or may be provided *indirectly* by a company that has entered into a contract with the Governing Authority. The food services program shall comply with all state and federal regulations regarding the management of the program, such as fiscal management, menu planning, food preparation and food disposal. If the food service program is provided by a contracted company, the contracted company shall be responsible for ensuring that the menu meets or exceeds all federal and state regulations regarding nutritional and dietary requirements.

Unless provided otherwise, all students shall remain on school property during the lunch period. During the lunch period, staff members, or their permitted designees will be responsible for supervising the students. At least one employee who has received instruction in methods to prevent choking and has demonstrated an ability to perform the Heimlich maneuver shall be present at all times when students are being served food. If any or all students are permitted to leave school property during lunch, the students shall adhere to all applicable rules or guidelines established by the School.

If the food services program has a special rate for students, then staff members and other adults are prohibited, according to government regulations, from purchasing a lunch at this special rate.

School Breakfast Program

The School shall offer breakfast to all enrolled students either before or during the school day so long as in the first year of the Program the School has 70% of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals to participate. This requirement drops to 60% in the second year and 50% in the third and each subsequent year.

School administration, in consultation with building staff, shall determine the model for serving breakfast under the Program. Each breakfast must comply with federal meal patterns and state and federal nutritional standards. The School may charge students for meals, based on family income in accordance with federal requirements, to cover all or part of the costs incurred in operating the program.

The School may choose not to establish a School Breakfast Program for financial reasons or if it already has a successful breakfast program or partnership in place.

Ohio: R.C. 3313.818.

Cross-Reference: Policy 2120, Federal Nutrition Programs; Policy 2130, Wellness Policy; Policy 2140, Nutritional Standards; Policy 2150, State Nutritional Guidelines; Policy 2250, Known Food Allergies; Policy 2310, Hand Washing Requirements; Policy 2320, Personal Safety; Policy 2330, Equipment Safety.