

## **Business/Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Food Service**

#### **Charging Policy**

The school nutrition program is an extension of the school's educational programs and it is the district's vision to have a partnership among students, staff, school family and the community in offering access to and providing nutritious meals, which are attractively presented at an affordable price.

Moreover, federal funds are intended to subsidize the meals of children and may not be used to subsidize meals for adults (teachers, staff and visitors). Adults are not allowed to charge meals and shall pay for such meals at the time of service.

Charging is not usually permitted by the district but on those occasions that a student does not have money, he / she will be offered a hot lunch or an alternate meal.

The process to be followed when a student does not have money for lunch is detailed in the accompanying regulation.

The Board realizes that funds from the non-profit school food service account, according to federal regulations, cannot be used to cover the cost of charged meals that have not been paid. Unrecovered charged meal costs will become a district responsibility.

This policy shall be included in student/parent handbooks, placed on the district's website, on the website of each school, and published at the beginning of each school year at the time information is distributed regarding free and reduced price meals.

(cf. 3542.31 – Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 10-215 Lunches, breakfasts and other feeding programs for public school children and employees.  
 10-215a Nonpublic school and nonprofit agency participation in feeding programs.  
 10-215b Duties of State Board of Education re feeding programs.  
 State Board of Education Regulations  
 Operational Memorandum #19-10, State of Connecticut, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education  
 "Unallowable Charges to No-profit School Food Service Accounts and the Serving of Meals to No-paying Full and Reduced Price Students  
 National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program; Competitive Foods. (7 CFR Parts 210 and 220, Federal Register, Vol. 45 No. 20, Tuesday, January 29, 1980, pp 6758-6772

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