

**Policy**

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FOOD SERVICE

The Board of Education will implement a school lunch program if at least five percent of its enrolled pupils meet the eligibility requirements for a free or reduced-price lunch, as required under N.J.S.A. 18A:33-4 and -5.

The school lunch program shall make a nutritionally adequate lunch available to every student and shall operate on the most economically feasible basis.

It shall be operated in strict compliance with all laws and regulations pertaining to health, sanitation and safety; internal accounting; employment practices; nutritional standards; costs of lunches; and periodic reporting required by New Jersey law.

The chief school administrator is responsible for the administration and operation of the school lunch program in keeping with federal and state laws and the policies and directives of the Board.

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Key Words

School Lunch, Food Service, Nutrition, Wellness,

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 Exceptions to requirement for advertising  
See particularly:  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(6)  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-6 Standards for purchase of fresh milk; penalties; rules and regulations  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-3  
through -5 Cafeterias for students  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7.1  
through -7.2 School lunch program ...  
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.1 et seq. Child Nutrition Programs  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.6 Supplies and equipment  
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-14.1 Review of mandated programs and services

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1200 Participation by the public  
\*1220 Ad hoc advisory committees  
\*3000/3010 Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives

FOOD SERVICE (continued)

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|------------|------------------------------------|
| *3220/3230 | State funds; federal funds         |
| *3450      | Money in school buildings          |
| *3510      | Operation and maintenance of plant |
| *3542.1    | Local wellness/Nutrition           |
| *3542.31   | Free or reduced-price lunches/milk |
| *3542.44   | Purchasing                         |
| *4222      | Noninstructional aides             |
| *5131      | Conduct/discipline                 |
| 9123       | Appointment of board secretary     |
| 9124       | Appointment of business official   |

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.