

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 Policy #8200

4 Policy Name: *Food Services, Commodities, Free and Reduced*

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7 **Food Services**

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9 The District supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch Program and will provide wholesome,  
10 appetizing, and nutritious meals for children in School District #9. The Board may authorize a portion of  
11 federal funds received in lieu of taxes to be used to provide free meals for federally connected indigent  
12 students.

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14 Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program will not accept donations of  
15 food without approval of the Board. Should the Board approve a food donation the Superintendent will  
16 establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that provisions of all state and  
17 local laws have been met before serving the food as part of school meals.

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19 **As an integral part of a school, the District’s food service is operated in compliance with**  
20 **ARM Title 37, chapter 110, subchapter 2, rules for food service establishments.**

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22 **Commodities**

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24 The District will use food commodities made available under the Federal Food Commodity Program for  
25 school meals.

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27 **Free and Reduced-Price Food Services**

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29 The District will provide free and reduced-price meals to students according to the terms of the National  
30 School Lunch Program and the laws, rules, and regulations of the State. The District will inform parents  
31 of the eligibility standards for free or reduced-price meals. Identity of students receiving free or reduced-  
32 price meals will be confidential, in accordance with National School Lunch Program guidelines. A parent  
33 has the right to appeal to a designated hearing official any decision with respect to his or her application  
34 for free or reduced-price food services.

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36 The Board may establish programs whereby meals may be provided in the District in accordance with  
37 National School Lunch Program guidelines.

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39 The amount charged for such meals shall be sufficient to cover all costs of the meals, including  
40 preparation labor and food, handling, utility, and equipment depreciation costs.

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42 **Legal Reference:** § 20-10-204 MCA Duties of trustees  
43 § 20-10-205 MCA Allocation of federal funds to school food services fund for  
44 federally connected, indigent pupils  
45 § 20-10-207 MCA School food services fund  
46 **37.111.842, ARM Food Service Requirements**

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48 **Policy History:**

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