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Note:

The Texas Department of Agriculture provides further guidance related to the management of food and nutrition programs in the <u>Administrator's Reference Manual</u> (ARM).¹

School Meal Leftovers

The District <u>does not allow</u> a campus to sell, share, or donate school meal leftovers.

Sales

The District <u>does not allow</u> leftovers to be sold at a campus cafeteria or other designated eating area as second meals, à la carte items, or meals.

Any items sold must meet the competitive food requirements. Income from sales will be handled in accordance with school nutrition program guidelines.

Alternatively, the leftovers <u>may not</u> be incorporated into future reimbursable meals.

Sharing Tables

The District <u>does not</u> allow a campus to set up leftover sharing tables for school meal items students do not want.

The District will follow procedures to limit the risk posed to students with food allergies and address the care of students with a diagnosed food allergy who are at risk for anaphylaxis. [See FFAF]

Donations

When an official of a nonprofit organization, such as a local food bank or charitable organization, is directly affiliated with the campus, including a teacher, school counselor, or parent of a student enrolled at the campus, the District does not allow the campus to donate food to the nonprofit organization.

Community Eligibility Provision

All elementary campuses (except STEM Academy) are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This program allows the District to provide breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and helps eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-priced student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

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Universal Free Feeding

STEM Academy All middle and high school campuses are is participating in the Universal Free Feeding Program. This program will allow all children at all middle and high schools to be served meals at no charge. The ability of the District to offer this special alternative rests upon the success of the school in receiving a completed application for free and reduced-priced meals from each middle and high school household.

{See COB for further information on free and reduced-price meals}

Nondiscrimination Statement When applicable, the District will include the nondiscrimination statement provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on all forms of its communications and printed program materials.

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¹ Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM): http://www.squaremeals.org/Programs/NationalSchoolLunchProgram/NSLPPolicyamp;ARM.aspx