

Oak Park Elementary School District #97

Bylaws & Policies

8500 - FOOD SERVICES

The Board of Education shall provide cafeteria facilities in all school facilities where space and facilities permit, and will provide food service for the purchase and consumption of lunch for all students.

The Board shall also provide a breakfast program in each school in accordance with procedures established by the Department of Education and State law if at least forty percent (40%) of the school's students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches based on the count in October of the previous school year or if at least forty percent (40%) of the school's students are classified as low-income according to the Fall Housing Data from the previous year.

To implement a school breakfast program in a cafeteria, the State Board of Education may make a monetary grant to the District Board. Priority is given if the school is on the Early Academic Warning List and the application is submitted by August of each year.

Where a school is not required to have a breakfast program, the Board shall provide a public hearing annually for all parents prior to determining whether or not it will provide a breakfast program for all students in the event that parents/guardians from the school request provision. If it chooses not to provide such a program, the Board shall make available the reasons for its decision.

The school will not have a school breakfast program because the costs of implementing and operating a program would not be covered by the expense reimbursement. The District shall petition its regional superintendent by February 15th of each year to request the exemption. The petition includes all legitimate costs associated with implementing and operating the school breakfast program. The regional superintendent shall convene a public hearing to hear testimony from the District and interested community members.

In accordance with the Child Hunger Relief Act, the Board will provide a summer food service program breakfast and lunch in each of the District's schools where at least fifty percent (50%) of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and where the school has a summer school program.

The food-service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, sale, preparation, delivery, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages as well as to the fiscal management of the program.

Lunches and breakfasts sold by the school may be purchased by students and staff members in accordance with the administrative guidelines established by the Superintendent.

The operation and supervision of the food-service program shall be the responsibility of the assistant superintendent for finance and operations and the food service coordinator. Food services shall be operated on a self-supporting basis with revenue from students, staff, Federal reimbursement, and surplus food. The Board shall assist the program by furnishing available space, initial major equipment, and utensils. Maintenance and replacement of equipment is the responsibility of the program.

A periodic review of the food-service accounts shall be made by the assistant superintendent for finance and operations and the food service coordinator. Any surplus funds from the National School Lunch

Program shall be used to reduce the cost of the service to students or to purchase cafeteria equipment. Surplus funds from a-la-carte foods may accrue to the food service program.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines for the conduct of the school lunch program that shall include provisions for:

- A. the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises free from fire and health hazards;
- B. the preparation and consumption of food;
- C. the purchase of foods and supplies in accordance with law;
- D. the accounting and deposition of food-service funds;
- E. the safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment.

No foods or beverages are to be sold during food-service hours/meal periods other than those associated with the District's food-service program, **or those sold with the approval of the Superintendent or designee and in conjunction with the waiver granted by the Illinois School Board of Education that permits a modification of the rules governing School Food Services.** The District shall serve only nutritious food as determined by the Food Service Department and shall not purchase with food service funds and shall not serve, in any food service area during meal-serving hours, foods of minimally nutritious value, ~~such as carbonated beverages, water ices, chewing gum, hard candy (including breath mints and cough drops), jellies and gums, marshmallow candies, fondant (creamy sugar candy), licorice, spun candy and candy-coated popcorn.~~ Additionally, in schools with classes in grade 5 or below, no confections, candy or potato chips shall be served during meal periods. If a doctor licensed to practice medicine in accordance with State law provides a written request for such foods for a student, an exception will be made for that student. Foods and beverages unassociated with the food-service program may be vended in accordance with Board Policy 8540.

23 Ill. Admin. Code 305.5 et seq.

23 Ill. Admin. Code 305.15 (e)

105 ILCS 5/10-22.26

105 ILCS 125/1 et seq.

105 ILCS 126/1 et seq.

7 C.F.R. 210, 215, 220, 240

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