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## Nutrition Services

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### **I. PURPOSE**

For over fifty years school districts in Minnesota have participated in federal and state programs that promote providing nutritious meals to Minnesota students. The District has participated in these programs to the benefit of all district students and staff. Adequate nutrition is recognized as essential for good health and academic achievement. The purpose of this policy is to establish the support for a school nutrition service and to determine its parameters for operation.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Minneapolis Public Schools shall participate in federal and state programs that support provision of nutritious meals to students and to others; however, participation in summer community meal programs is at the discretion of the Superintendent. Such programs include, but are not limited to:
1. School Breakfast;
  2. School Lunch;
  3. After-school snacks;
  4. Dinner program;
  5. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program;
  6. Community Eligibility Provision; and
  7. Summer meal program.
- B. School meal programs shall not be limited to students who qualify for assistance, but be available for purchase by all students and staff. School meal costs shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. It shall be the goal of the Culinary & Wellness Services to be a self-sustaining program within the district.
- D. The district Culinary & Wellness Services shall serve as a resource in the development and evaluation of any nutrition education programs or curriculum established or used in the district.
- E. The Culinary & Wellness Services shall abide by all state and federal rules or regulations pertaining to child nutrition programs.
- F. Any activities involving the preparation or serving of food, including the use of equipment provided by the Nutrition Services Department shall meet all health, safety and fire code regulations.
- G. The District shall provide continuing professional development for all nutrition



service personnel to assure compliance with current laws, regulations and rules that address the nutrition service.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations for the implementation of this policy.
  
- B. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall designate an appropriate person to be responsible for the Culinary & Wellness Services program, whose duties shall include the creation of nutrition guidelines and procedures for the selection of foods and beverages made available during the school day in school buildings and school sites to ensure food and beverage choices are consistent with current USDA Child Nutrition regulations.

***Legal References:***

42 USC §1751 *et seq.* (Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act)

42 USC §1771 *et seq.* (Child Nutrition Act of 1966)

7 USC § 5341 (Establishment of Dietary Guidelines)

7 CFR § 210.10 (School Lunch Program Regulations)

7 CFR §220.8 (School Breakfast Program Regulations)

Minn. Stat. §123B.02, subd.13 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

Minn. Stat. §124D.1158 (School Breakfast Programs)

Minn. Stat. §124D.117 (Districts to offer school breakfast program)

***Cross References:***

MPS Policy 3261 (Vending Machines)

MPS Policy 6690 (Wellness)