

LUNCH PROGRAM

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

The Board has entered into an agreement with the New York State Education Department to participate in the National School Lunch Programs and to receive commodities donated by the Department of Agriculture and to accept responsibility for providing free and reduced price lunches to students in the schools of the District.

The Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall have the responsibility to carry out the rules and regulations of the School Lunch Program. The determination of which students are eligible is the responsibility of the Superintendent or his/her designee. If there is an appeal, it should be submitted to the Superintendent.

OFFER VS SERVE LUNCH POLICY K-12

The policy implies that students in grades K-12 would not be required to accept offered foods they do not intend to consume. Any such failure to accept offered foods does not affect the full charge to the student for a lunch that meets the following requirements;

- a) Schools must offer all five items contained in the four components of the lunch.
- b) Students must select three separate items of the five.
- c) The one set price is still the same.
- d) If only one fruit/vegetable component is taken, it must be served in the portion size as planned – it can not be less than 1/8 cup.
- e) Students must be made fully aware of offer vs. serve.
- f) No one item is required (i.e. milk)

RESTRICTION OF SWEETS IN SCHOOL

The sale of sweetened foods will be prohibited from the beginning of the school day until the end of the last scheduled meal period.

Sweetened foods consist of sweetened soda water, chewing gum, candy including hard candy, jellies, gum, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, spun candy, candy coated popcorn, and water ices except those which contain fruit or fruit juices.

Education Law Sections 1709(22) and (23)
National School Lunch Act 1946
Child Nutritional Act 1966

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