

The board recognizes that it is important for students to receive proper nutrition so that they are ready and able to take advantage of educational opportunities.

The goals of the school nutrition services program are as follows:

1. operate the school nutrition program efficiently and strive to be financially self-supporting, so that earnings may be used to reduce the cost of food, serve better food, or provide free or reduced price meals to eligible students without sacrificing the nutritional needs of the students;
2. enhance students' ability to learn by offering a variety of safe, nutritious, and appealing food and beverage options for student meals at school;
3. minimize obesity and encourage lifelong healthy eating habits consistent with the health education curriculum;
4. provide courteous service to students, employees, and authorized visitors; and
5. strive to increase student participation in the available federal School Nutrition Programs (e.g., school lunch, school breakfast, after-school snack and summer food service programs).

Legal References: 7 C.F.R. Part 210; G.S. 115C-47(22), -263, -264; State Board of Education Policies SHLT-000

Cross References:

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