



## Food Services and Nutrition

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### Policy Statement

- The Board recognizes that food service and nutrition programs are an integral part of the school learning environment and that nutrition education activities in classrooms and cafeterias support the comprehensive health education program.
- The District shall operate a food service program in each school. The primary goal is to ensure that participating students gain full understanding of the relationship between proper eating and good health.
- The food service program shall be managed in accordance with the regulations and policies of the federal and state government.
- Free and reduced-price meals shall be provided to students within the regulations of the school meals programs.
- Students shall be permitted to bring lunches from home and purchase beverages or incidental items when sold in school cafeterias.
- School staff and Food Service personnel shall use the guidelines of the Department of Education and the USDA in developing programs to teach about nutrition and guide students from preschool through grade 12 toward a healthy diet.
- Extra or competitive foods shall not be offered for sale to students until the conclusion of the student school day. Items sold must be limited to school fundraisers approved by the principal.
- Food services for students during the school day separate from the nonprofit school meals program shall take place only with the approval of the Food Services Department.
- Food Service employees shall be trained in food production, food safety and sanitary food handling, USDA regulations, work simplification, and customer relations. Such training shall be offered regularly.
- The Food Service Department shall ensure proper controls and accountability for funds, property, and other assets within the regulations of the program.
- Students shall be informed of food service policies and their access to food services including information regarding prepaid, free, and reduced price meals.
- Students shall be provided adequate time and opportunity to eat school meals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Per USDA Smart Snack regulations, extra or competitive foods shall not be offered for sale to students until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the student school day. Items sold must be limited to school fundraisers, must follow the district allergy policies, and must be approved by the principal.</li> <li>● Per Red Clay District Wellness Policy, food services for students during the school day separate from the nonprofit school meals program, such as school-wide or classroom celebrations, should be limited to four per school year and should not compete with the Food Services Department. In ALL cases, these events, as well as field trips that may impact student lunch needs must be coordinated with the cafeteria manager in advance.</li> </ul>	
<b>Responsibility</b>	The Superintendent shall be responsible for compliance.	
<b>References</b>	7CFR Parts 15b, 210, 215, 220, 245.8, 3015 USDA FNS Instruction 765-7 Revision 2 14 DE Admin Code 852 Related policies: Red Clay Consolidated School District Board of Education Policy Statement on Student Wellness  Related documents: Red Clay Consolidated School District Administrative Memoranda “Student Meal Account Debt” and “Vending Machines in Schools”	
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