

Kimberly School District #414

POLICY NUMBER 8220

FOOD SERVICES

Kimberly School District No. 414 supports the philosophy of the National Lunch and Breakfast Programs and shall provide wholesome, appetizing, and nutritious meals for students in the KSD schools.

Commodities

The Food Services Program will not accept donations of food without the approval of the Board. Should the Board approve a donation, the Superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures for said food and determine that provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling/using said food as part of school meals.

KSD shall use food commodities made available under the Federal Food Commodity Program for school meals.

Qualifications of School Food Service Staff

Qualified nutrition professionals will plan school meal programs. Child nutrition directors, school nutrition managers, and cafeteria workers, will maintain appropriate certification and/or training in accordance with their level of responsibility. Continuing professional development opportunities may be provided by the District.

SCHOOL MEALS

This policy supports the mission of Kimberly School District: Providing the environment that cultivates maximum student potential. Nutrition influences physical and mental development, health, general well-being, and the potential for learning. To afford students the opportunity to fully participate in the educational process, students must attend school with minds and bodies ready to take advantage of their learning environment. This district-wide nutrition policy encourages all members of the school community to create and environment that supports lifelong healthy eating habits.

Breakfast

To ensure that all children have breakfast, either at home or at school, in order to meet their nutritional needs and enhance their ability to learn, District Schools will to the extent possible, operate the School Breakfast Program. KSD will, to the extent possible, arrange bus schedules and utilize methods to serve school breakfasts that encourage participation.

Schools that serve breakfast will notify parents and students of the availability of the School Breakfast Program. Staff will additionally encourage parents to provide a healthy breakfast for their children through newsletter articles, take-home materials, or other means.

Hot Lunch/Breakfast Program

The full meal program will follow the U.S. Government's Nutrition Standards and offer a variety of fruits and vegetables. At least half of the grains served shall be whole grain. The meals served will be appealing and attractive to children. The Hot Lunch/Breakfast provider will be expected to make every effort to follow the Idaho Nutrition Standards when determining the items in a la carte sales. A la carte items that do not meet the Idaho Nutrition Standards may be acceptable for student consumption within moderation (i.e., limit quantity sold to an individual student). A la carte items that do not meet the State Nutrition Standards may be acceptable when offered on an intermittent basis.

Mealtimes and Scheduling

District Schools:

1. Will provide students with at least 10 minutes to eat after sitting down for breakfast and 20 minutes after sitting down for lunch
2. Should schedule meal periods at appropriate times, e.g. lunch should be scheduled between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
3. Should not schedule tutoring, club, or organizational meetings or activities during mealtimes, unless student may eat during such activities
4. May schedule lunch periods to follow recess periods (in elementary schools)
5. Will provide students access to hand washing or hand sanitizing before they eat meals or snacks; and
6. Should take reasonable steps to accommodate the tooth-brushing regimens of students with special oral health needs (e.g., orthodontia or high tooth decay risk.)

Lunchroom Climate

District schools will develop and maintain a lunchroom environment that provides students with a relaxed, enjoyable climate. It is encouraged that the lunchroom environment be a place where students have adequate space to eat with pleasant surroundings.

Student Charging

Kimberly School District supports proper nutrition to afford students the opportunity to fully participate in the educational process. KSD will allow students to charge for school meals in the event of zero or negative account balance. Students are only allowed to charge for the first meal and cannot charge for second helpings.

In the event a student's account balance is zero, or negative, the Food Service Program and/or building principal will attempt to contact parents and/or guardians regarding the negative account balance. Those students with negative account balances will not be denied from any school event, program, activity, access to the food program, or called out of class to rectify the issue. Negative account balances are between the school and the parents and/or guardians. Students that have a negative food service account will have their transcripts and diplomas held upon graduation until their account is reconciled.

A single or combined family account balance that exceeds \$50 will be considered a delinquent account. Delinquent accounts will be referred to the superintendent at which time the superintendent will send a certified letter to the parents and/or guardians informing them that the account balance must be paid within 45 calendar days. During the 45-day period, attempts to contact the parents and/or guardians will be made. At the end of the 45-day period the delinquent account will be turned over to a collection agency.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

42 U.S.C. § 1758b Section 204 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (PL 111-296),
reauthorizing the Child Nutrition Act
42 U.S.C. § 1751, *et seq.* National School Lunch Act
42 U.S.C. § 1771, *et seq.* Child Nutrition Act of 1966

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