

**Policy**

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

It is the policy of the Passaic Board of Education that this school district participates in any federal or State subsidized food program for the benefit of eligible students. Student eligibility shall be as determined by the guidelines of the subsidizing agency. The Board requires that all regulations of the subsidizing agency be observed including especially those which preserve the privacy of eligible students.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The board participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a federal program under the USDA's National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. It allows schools that predominantly serve low-income children to offer at no cost breakfast and lunch to all students rather than collecting individual applications and limiting free and reduced-price lunches to income-eligible students. School eligibility for CEP is based on data from other federal programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance Program for Needy Families (TANF).

In lieu of completing lunch applications, parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to submit household information surveys accurately and in a timely manner. Submitting surveys on time enables the food services department to report an accurate count of eligible students for federal and State reporting requirements and establish state aid funding through the Department of Education

Free and Reduced Price Milk and Lunch

In the event that the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) funds are discontinued, the board shall participate in the free and reduced price milk and lunch program. Individual applications shall be distributed as appropriate and the board shall adopt as its own the free and reduced-price policy developed by the Bureau of Child Nutrition programs pursuant to federal regulations.

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<b><u>Legal References:</u></b> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-3	Cafeterias for students
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-4	School lunch; availability to all children
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-5	Exemptions
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-10	Establishment of school breakfast program in certain schools
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-11	Implementation of school breakfast program by district
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:58-7.1 through -7.2	School lunch program
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 2:36-1.2	Policy and agreement for school nutrition programs
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 2:36-1.8	Review and evaluation

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b> *2224	Affirmative action/nondiscrimination
*3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives
*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
*3450	Money in school buildings
*3510	Operation and maintenance of plant
*3542	Food Service
*3542.1	Wellness and nutrition
*3542.44	Purchasing
*4222	Noninstructional aides
9123	Appointment of board secretary
9124	Appointment of business official

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.