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**8500 - FOOD SERVICES**

The Board of Education shall provide cafeteria facilities in all school facilities where space and facilities permit and will provide food service for the purchase and consumption of meals for all students. The Board shall also provide a breakfast program in accordance with procedures established by the Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW"). The Board shall annually encumber the funds needed to operate the program.

The food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, delivery, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages including, but not limited to, the current United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") school meal pattern requirements and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, as well as to the fiscal management of the program.

Further, the food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the fiscal management of the program as well as all the requirements pertaining to food service hiring and food service manager/operator licensure and certification. In addition, as required by law, a food safety program based on the principles of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point ("HACCP") system shall be implemented with the intent of preventing food-borne illnesses. For added safety and security, access to the facility and the food stored and prepared therein shall be limited to food service staff and other authorized persons.

The Board shall approve and implement nutrition standards governing the types of food and beverages that may be sold on the premises of its schools and shall specify the time and place each type of food or beverage may be sold. In adopting such standards, the Board shall:

- A. consider the nutritional value of each food or beverage;
- B. consult with a dietitian licensed under R.C. Chapter 4759, a dietetic technician registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, or a school nutrition specialist certified or credentialed by the School Nutrition Association;

- C. consult and incorporate to the maximum extent possible the dietary guidelines for Americans jointly developed by the USDA and the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
- D. consult and incorporate the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines.

The District's food service program shall serve only food items and beverages determined by the Food Service Department to be in compliance with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines. **x ]** Any competitive food items and beverages that are available for sale to students a la carte in the dining area between midnight and thirty (30) minutes following the end of the school day shall also comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines, and may only be sold in accordance with Board Policy 8550 - Competitive Food Sales. Foods and beverages not associated with the food service program may be vended in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in Board Policy 8540 - Vending Machines. **[END OF OPTION]**

The Superintendent will require that the food service program serve foods in the schools of the District that are wholesome and nutritious and reinforce the concepts taught in the classroom.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing the food service program in accordance with the adopted nutrition standards and shall provide a report to the Board at one of its regular meetings, annually, regarding the District's compliance with the standards. **x ]** The Superintendent shall ensure that the District's vendors and/or food service management contractor is provided a copy of this policy and any implementing guidelines and that any pertinent agreements are consistent with this policy and any implementing guidelines. **[END OF OPTION]**

No food or beverage may be sold on any school premises except in accordance with the standards approved by the Board.

#### **Cultivated-Protein Food Products or Food Misbranded as a Meat or Egg Product**

No cultivated-protein food products or food misbranded as a meat or egg product may be purchased by the Board. The Board may purchase vegetarian/vegan food products as long as they are correctly labeled.

In accordance with Ohio law, a misbranded food under the Pure Food and Drug Law includes the following:

- A. The food's labeling is false or misleading in any way;
- B. The food is offered for sale under the name of another food;
- C. The food's container is so made, formed, or filled as to be misleading;
- D. The food is an imitation of another food, unless its label bears in type of uniform size and prominence, the word "imitation," and immediately thereafter the name of the food imitated; and

- E. The food bears or contains any artificial flavoring, artificial coloring, or chemical preservative, unless it bears labeling stating that fact, subject to exemptions established by rules adopted by the Director of Agriculture ("ODA Director").

Food is misbranded as a meat product or egg product if all of the following apply:

- A. The food is or contains a manufactured-protein food product or fabricated-egg product;
- B. The food is offered for sale by a food processing establishment;
- C. A label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the food includes an identifying meat term or an identifying egg term; and
- D. The label that is part of or placed on the package or other container storing the food does not contain a conspicuous and prominent qualifying meat term in close proximity to an identifying meat term or a conspicuous and prominent qualifying egg term in close proximity to an identifying egg term.

An identifying meat term means any word or phrase that indicates, suggests, or describes a meat product and common names that a purchaser would associate with a meat product, such as "chicken", "burger", "filet", or "jerky." A permissible, qualifying meat term is a word or phrase that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser that the product is not a meat product, and includes phrases such as "imitation", "lab-grown", "meatless", "vegetarian", or "vegan."

An identifying egg term means any word or phrase that indicates, suggests, or describes an egg product and common names that a purchaser would associate with eggs, such as "frittata", "omelet", or "scrambled." A permissible, qualifying egg term is a word or phrase that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser that a food product is not an egg product, and includes phrases such as "egg-free", "plant-based", "vegetarian", or "vegan."

#### **[x ] Released Time for Religious Instruction**

Students who participate in a released time course in religious instruction pursuant to Board Policy 5223 during lunch may be provided a school meal for consumption during the released time instruction. The meal will meet all USDA meal pattern and nutrition standards requirements. [x ] Meals served off-site will be subject to stringent sanitary and precautionary measures to avoid contamination and spoilage. ~~[END OF OPTION] [DRAFTING NOTE: Due to recent changes in the law, school districts are required to adopt a policy that allows students to leave campus for religious instruction. Districts often designate lunch as a time when students may leave to attend the course. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce released a statement which indicates that it will provide federal reimbursement to schools that provide meals for students who leave campus to attend religious instruction. Districts must request reimbursement. To be reimbursable, the meals must meet all USDA meal patterns and nutrition standards requirements.]~~

~~[END OF OPTION]~~

The Board shall provide a Federal food service program for students during summer intervention programs that are mandated under State and Federal law. If the Board determines that it is unable to provide a Federal food service program during the summer, for financial reasons, the Board will communicate that decision to its residents in a manner it determines to be appropriate.

~~[ ] If the Board does not comply with the requirement in A.C. 3301.91-10 of establishing a meal program to support summer intervention services, the Board will permit an approved summer food service sponsor to use school facilities located in a school building attendance area where at least one-half (1/2) of the students are eligible for free lunches. The Board ( ) may ( ) will [END OF OPTION] charge the summer food service program sponsor a reasonable fee for the use of school facilities that may include the actual cost of custodial services, charges for use of school equipment, and a pro-rated share of the utility costs as determined by the Board. The Board will also require the summer food service program sponsor to indemnify and hold harmless the District from any potential liability resulting from the operation of the summer food service program. The ( ) Treasurer ( ) Business Manager [END OF OPTION] will ensure that the food service program sponsor is either added to the District's liability insurance policy as an additional insured party, or require evidence of the sponsor's own liability insurance policy in the amount approved by the Board. The summer food service program sponsor shall be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining coverage under this Policy. [END OF OPTIONAL PARAGRAPH].~~

During all times while the food service program is operating and students are being served food, at least one (1) employee shall be present in the area in which the food is being consumed who has received instruction in methods to prevent choking and demonstrated an ability to perform the Heimlich maneuver.

## **Dietary Modifications**

~~[DRAFTING NOTE: This section contains three (3) categories of circumstances in which a student may receive a modified meal. The first category, "Compliant Medical Documentation," is mandatory, whereas the second two (2) categories, i.e., "Noncompliant Medical Requests" and "Requests Not Based on a Medical Statement", are optional. The Board may choose either or neither of the two (2) optional categories.]~~

### **Modifications Based on Compliant Medical Documentation**

An adult student or student's parent requesting special dietary accommodations for a student with a disability that restricts the diet must provide the Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State authorized medical authority, which is a medical professional authorized in the State of Ohio to write prescriptions. The request must contain the following information:

- A. an explanation of how the student's physical or mental impairment restricts the diet;
- B. the food(s)/type(s) of foods to be avoided;
- C. the food(s)/type(s) of foods to be substituted;
- D. additional pertinent information, if any, that will assist in accommodating the student's needs.

If a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs is incomplete, unclear, or lacks sufficient detail, the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator or Food Service Director shall request that the student or parent/guardian request that the medical authority supplement the response so that a safe meal can be provided.

A special dietary accommodation for a student who has a disability that restricts the student's diet must be supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs, which should be submitted to the ☒ Food Service Director who shall serve as the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator. ☐ ~~Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator.~~ **[END OF OPTIONS] [Insert name, address, phone, email address.]**  
**[DRAFTING NOTE: at least one (1) person must be identified as responsible for coordinating compliance with disability-based dietary modifications per 7 C.F.R. Part 15b.6.]**

A student with a disability may have an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific instruction, services, or accommodation related to the student's nutritional needs. If a student's IEP or 504 plan contains the same information that is required on a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs, then it is not necessary to obtain and submit a separate Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs.

The individual making an initial request for such substitutions must inform the Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator that the student has a disability that restricts the student's diet. The School District will honor the request upon receipt of the required documentation from a State-authorized medical authority. If the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator is unable to grant a requested accommodation following receipt of the medical authority's statement, the student or parent shall be provided with an explanation of the basis for the decision. Compliant requests shall be immediately implemented.

### Disability Accommodation Grievance Procedure

The following procedure is intended to provide prompt and equitable resolution to any concern or disagreement regarding the food service program's administration of meal modifications made or requested on the basis of a student's disability. None of the procedures described in this policy section shall prevent a student or parent from pursuing a complaint with any State or Federal agency, including the USDA, using the procedures described at the end of this policy.

- A. If an initial request for accommodation in the form of substituted meals is denied, the student or parent may request review of that decision by the ☐ Building Principal ☒ District's Compliance Coordinator ☐ Superintendent ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ **[OTHER] [END OF OPTIONS]**  
**[DRAFTING NOTE: The grievance procedure can be designed as appropriate for each District.]** and shall provide any communications between the student or parent and food service officials concerning the accommodation request, any documentation provided by a medical authority, and any additional information the student or parent believes is pertinent to the decision. A review of the materials provided and of the initial decision shall be completed and a response provided to the student or parent as soon as practicable following receipt of the request for review. If the initial decision is reversed, including due to additional information provided on review, the dietary accommodations shall be implemented without delay. If the initial decision is affirmed, ☒

the decision is final. ~~( ) the decision may be appealed to the Superintendent whose decision is final~~  
~~( )~~ **[OTHER] [END OF OPTIONS].**

- B. Any other complaint or disagreement with the food service administration concerning implementation of special dietary accommodations based on a student's disability shall be presented to the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator. The student or parent shall specify the nature of the concern and any requested remedy in writing. The Coordinator shall promptly review the grievance and either contact the student or parent for any required clarification of the request or to seek to reach an agreement regarding how to best address the concern. If no agreement is reached, the Coordinator shall make a determination and notify the student or parent in writing as soon as practicable. If the grievance is affirmed in any respect, the Coordinator shall propose a plan for implementing appropriate remedial measures. If the student or parent is dissatisfied with the Coordinator's determination, the student or parent may submit a written request to the Building Principal or Superintendent for review. The administrator's determination shall be final.

**~~[Optional Provision — for medical statements not compliant with 7 C.F.R. Part 15b]~~**

**~~[ ] Modifications Based on Noncompliant Medical Requests~~**

~~On a case by case basis, substitutions to the standard meal requirements may be made, at no additional charge, for students who provide a signed statement from a qualified medical authority that the student cannot consume certain food items due to medical or other special dietary needs, but which does not comply with the requirements above. To qualify for such consideration and substitutions, the medical statement must identify:~~

- A. ~~the medical or dietary need that restricts the student's diet; and~~
- B. ~~the food(s) to be omitted from the student's diet and the food(s) or choice of foods that may be substituted.~~

**~~[END OF OPTION]~~**

**~~[Optional Provision — Based on preferences with no medical documentation] [DRAFTING NOTE: If the Board chooses to include this category of modification, it must also choose among the options below.]~~**

**~~[ ] Modification Based on Student/Parental Preference~~**

~~When a request for a special dietary accommodation is not supported by an authorized Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs or included in a student's IEP or 504 plan, the School District cannot provide modified meals that are not in compliance with USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements. However, the Board authorizes the following:~~

A. ~~( )~~ **Fluid Milk Substitution [If Selected, Choose One]**

1. ~~( )~~ The School District shall have no legal obligation to accommodate a student's or a parent's preference for a fluid milk substitute if there is no Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs on file requiring such a substitute. However, the District will assist the student in choosing a reimbursable meal through offer versus serve ("OVS"). **[DRAFTING NOTE: This gives students the ability to decline some of the food options offered as part of the reimbursable meals. For example, five (5) components need to be offered and students need to take three (3) options. They can decline milk for example, and it is still a reimbursable meal. The intent is to give students a choice and avoid food waste. Schools have the ability whether or not they use OVS.]**
2. ~~( )~~ The School District shall offer a Federally approved milk substitute with a written and signed request from a parent that identifies the reason for the special dietary accommodation.

B. ~~( )~~ **Religious Reason [If Selected, Choose One]**

1. ~~( )~~ The School District shall have no legal obligation to accommodate a student's or parent's request for accommodations based on religious requests. However, the District will assist the student in choosing a reimbursable meal through OVS.
2. ~~( )~~ The School District will provide substitutions based on religious requests to any student, for any religious reason with a written and signed request by a parent that identifies the reason for the accommodation. A substitution for a religious request must meet USDA Child Nutrition Program meal pattern requirements.

C. ~~( )~~ **General Dietary Preference [If Selected, Choose One]**

1. ~~( )~~ The School District shall have no legal obligation to accommodate a student's or parent's general health, nutrition, or food preferences. However, the District will assist the student in choosing a reimbursable meal through OVS.
2. ~~( )~~ The School District will provide substitutions based on lifestyle preferences to any student with a written and signed request by a parent that identifies the reason for the accommodation. A substitution for a personal request must meet USDA Child Nutrition Program meal pattern requirements.

**[END OF OPTIONS]**

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND DISCONTINUATION**

### **Review**

Upon receipt of a request for a special dietary accommodation, the Food Service Director or Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator shall review the request to ensure it is supported as required by Federal law and District policy and if not, shall request additional or clarifying information from the student or parent making the request.

## **Implementation**

When the need for a special dietary accommodation is supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State authorized medical authority, the District will offer a reasonable modification that effectively accommodates the student's disability. Following USDA Child Nutrition Program regulations, the School District may consider factors such as cost and efficiency and is not required to prepare a specific meal, provide a specific brand of food, or provide a meal beyond the meals provided to other students.

For students who have an IEP or 504 plan that requires specific food-related accommodations, the School District shall provide the accommodation as required by law, seeking clarifying medical information, as necessary.

A special dietary request will be approved and implemented upon submission of a completed authorized Medical Statement.

## **Student Absence**

If a student receiving a special dietary accommodation is absent or does not wish to participate in school lunch on a day an accommodation is planned, the student or parent shall contact the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator by 9:00 a.m. ~~for enter a time~~ the same day.

## **Renewing A Special Dietary Request**

An authorized Medical Statement does not need to be updated annually. However, the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator may annually seek clarification or updates on special dietary requests.

## **Discontinuation of a Special Dietary Request**

A special dietary request or part of a request may be discontinued by a parent by submitting the request in writing to the Special Dietary Accommodation Coordinator or shall be discontinued consistent with the medical authorities' recommendation provided with the Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs.

## **Meal Charges**

Meals sold by the school may be purchased by students and staff members and community residents in accordance with administrative guidelines established by the Superintendent. Meals may be made available, free of charge, to senior citizens who are serving as volunteers to the District.



The operation and supervision of the food service program shall be the responsibility of the **Food Service Coordinator**. In accordance with Federal law, the **Food Service Coordinator** shall take such actions as are necessary to obtain a minimum of two (2) food safety inspections per school year, which are conducted by the State or local governmental agency responsible for food safety inspections. The report of the most recent inspection will be posted in a publicly visible location, and a copy of the report will be available upon request. ~~[Please note: Schools participating in more than one (1) child nutrition program are only required to obtain two (2) food safety inspections per school year if the nutrition programs offered use the same facilities for the preparation and service of meals. Also, the requirement for two (2) inspections does not apply to schools that only offer the Special Milk Program.]~~

A periodic review of the food service accounts shall be made by the **Treasurer/CFO**. Any surplus funds from the National School Lunch Program or the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-296) shall be used to reduce the cost of the service to students or to purchase cafeteria equipment. Surplus funds from a-la-carte foods may accrue to the food service program.

## **Bad Debt**

Bad debt incurred through the inability to collect lunch payment from students is not an allowable cost chargeable to any Federal program. Any related collection cost, including legal cost, arising from such bad debt after they have been determined to be uncollectable are also unallowable. District efforts to collect bad debt shall be in accordance with Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges.

Bad debt is uncollectable/delinquent debt that has been determined to be uncollectable no sooner than the end of the school year in which the debt was incurred. ~~(-) and after the Superintendent determines that sufficient reasonable effort and approaches to collecting the debt have been made [END OF OPTION].~~ If the uncollectable/delinquent debt cannot be recovered by the School Meals Program in the year when the debt was incurred, then this is classified as bad debt. Once classified as bad debt, non-Federal funding sources must reimburse the NSFS for the total amount of the bad debt. The funds may come from the District general fund, State or local funding, school or community organizations such as the PTA, or any other non-Federal source. Once the uncollectable/delinquent debt charges are converted to bad debt, records relating to those charges must be maintained in accordance with the record retention requirements in 7 C.F.R. 210.9(b) (17) and 7 C.F.R. 210.15(b).

## **????Negative Account Balances**

~~[DRAFTING NOTE: USDA regulations provide local control with respect to permitting negative lunch account balances, including prohibiting it altogether. As a practical matter, a hard-line rule prohibiting any negative account balances is not recommended. Rather, permitting some limited negative balances to occur, while placing some restrictions on those situations, is likely the most appropriate. Nonetheless, this first option recognizes that each School District does have the choice to prohibit a negative balance without any exceptions].~~

**[ ] [OPTION #1]**

No student will be permitted to purchase any meals for which the student does not have sufficient balance in their food service account or sufficient cash on hand to purchase the food items.

Students receiving paid or reduced-price lunch who do not have sufficient account balance or cash on hand to purchase a meal ( ) will not be provided an alternative meal ( ) will be provided an alternative meal **[END OF OPTIONS]** that meets the USDA guidelines applicable to alternative meal options. The Superintendent shall, in coordination with the District's food service, assure that any alternative meals that are provided meet the requisite USDA guidelines for alternative meals. The cost of the alternative meal will be added to the delinquent account.

**[END OF OPTION #1]**

**[ ] [OPTION #2]**

Students will be permitted to purchase meals from the District's food service using either cash on hand or a food service account. A student may be allowed to incur a negative food service account balance subject to the following conditions:

Students may be permitted to accumulate negative food service account balance ( ) not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) not to exceed an amount equal to one (1) school week of regular meal price **[END OF OPTIONS]**. [ ] Students up to grade eight (8) will be allowed to incur a negative balance not to exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **[END OF OPTIONAL SENTENCE] [DRAFTING NOTE: The Board may establish a different permissible negative balance for elementary grades to account for the students' lower level of responsibility for managing these accounts at the younger grade levels.]** A student ( ) shall be ( ) shall not be **[END OF OPTION]** permitted to purchase a la carte items without sufficient account balance or cash on hand. [ ] Likewise, any student who has a negative account balance may not purchase a la carte items with cash unless the student is also able to bring their account current. **[END OF OPTIONAL SENTENCE]**

[ ] A student who has exceeded the permissible negative balance amount in their account and does not have cash on hand sufficient to purchase a meal will be treated respectfully. The District will provide meals to students with unpaid meal balances without stigmatizing them, will provide parents of students who charge meals with notification when a student charges a meal, and will make efforts to collect the charges incurred by the students so that the unpaid charges are not classified as bad debt at the end of the school year. **[END OF OPTIONAL PARAGRAPH]**

**[ ] [OPTION A]**

If a student has reached the permissible level of negative lunch account balance, they shall be provided a regular reimbursable meal that follows the USDA meal pattern, the cost of which shall continue to accrue to a negative lunch account balance.

**[END OF OPTION A]**

**[ ] [OPTION B]**

If a student has a significant negative lunch account balance, they shall be provided an alternate meal ( ) at a reduced price recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board **[END OF OPTION]**, the cost of which shall continue to accrue to a negative lunch account balance, and the student's parent(s) shall be contacted to collect the outstanding charges. The alternate meal will be a low cost alternative to the regular reimbursable meal and shall meet USDA nutritional standards or the Smart Snacks in Schools Regulations so that it qualifies for reimbursement under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program.

**[END OF OPTION B]**

**[ ]** Negative lunch account balances will carry over from year to year until paid in full or until a student enters 9th grade. Upon entering 9th grade, any negative lunch account balances will be converted to school fees. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for paying all fees in accordance with Policy 6152 – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges. Fee waivers are applied in accordance with Policy 6152.01 – Waivers of School Fees for Instructional Materials. **[END OF OPTIONAL PARAGRAPH]**

**[END OF OPTION #2]**

**[END OF OPTIONS]**

Students who have qualified for Free lunches are still responsible for paying off any debt that was incurred prior to qualifying for free lunches.

This policy and any implementing guidelines shall be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the school or School District during the year. The policy and implementing guidelines will also be provided to all District staff with responsibility for enforcing the policies. **[ ]** The policy and guidelines will be posted on the District website. **[END OF OPTION]**

With regard to the operation of the school food service program, the Superintendent shall require:

- A. the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises free from fire and health hazards;

- B. the preparation of food that complies with Federal food safety regulations;
- C. the planning and execution of menus in compliance with USDA requirements;
- D. the purchase of food and supplies in accordance with State and Federal law, USDA regulations, and Board policy; (see Policy 1130, Policy 1200, Policy 3113, Policy 3210, Policy 3214, Policy 4113, Policy 4210, Policy 4214, and Policy 6460)
- E. complying with food holds and recalls in accordance with USDA regulations;
- F. the administration, accounting, and disposition of food service funds pursuant to Federal and State law and USDA regulations;
- G. the safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment pursuant to State and Federal law and USDA regulations;
- H. the regular maintenance and replacement of equipment;
- I. all District employees whose salaries are paid for with USDA funds or non-Federal funds used to meet a match or cost-share requirement must comply with the District's time and effort record-keeping policy (see Policy 6116).

In accordance with the nutritional standards adopted by the Board, the placement of vending machines in any classroom where students are provided instruction unless the classroom is also used to serve meals to students is prohibited.

The District shall serve only nutritious food in accordance with the nutritional standards adopted by the Board in compliance with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines. Foods and beverages in competition with the District's food service program must comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines, and may only be sold in accordance with Board Policy 8550.

The Superintendent will require that the food service program serve foods in the schools of the District that are wholesome and nutritious and reinforce the concepts taught in the classroom.

The Superintendent is responsible for implementing the food service program in accordance with the adopted nutrition standards and shall provide a report regarding the District's compliance with the standards at one of its regular meetings annually.

### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. The District's nondiscrimination statement below is complementary to the District's nondiscrimination policies, including Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational

Opportunity and Policy 1422/Policy 3122/Policy 4122 - **Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment**~~Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.~~

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights ("ASCR") about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. Mail:  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. Fax:  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. E-mail:  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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7 C.F.R. Parts 15b, 210, 215, 220, 225, 226, 227, 235, 240, 245, 3015

42 U.S.C. 1758

Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.

OMB Circular No. A-87 USDA Smart Snacks in School Food Guidelines (effective July 1, 2014)

SP 32-2015 Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs