

8500 FOOD SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes the midday meal as an important part of each pupil's school day. The Superintendent shall ensure a wholesome, nutritious food services program in the district and one which reinforces the concepts of nutrition education as taught in the classrooms of this district.

The Board shall provide food service facilities for the consumption of food on school premises.

All Schools

In order to minimize disruptions to the smooth functioning of all schools:

- Parents can bring their own child's lunches to school after the start of the day.
- Commercial deliveries of lunches from private vendors are prohibited on school property.

Most pupils (Grades 1-8) remain in school for lunch. Three choices shall be available:

1. Students may bring a lunch from home when they come to school in the morning.
2. Students may purchase food from the school food service provider.
3. Leave for lunch with parent/guardian and return before the start of class. Picked up and returned to the main office. The parent/guardian must come to school personally to pick up the child, show proper identification (if necessary), and sign the child out.

Ridgewood High School

1. High School students must follow all building level applicable school lunch rules.

A periodic review of the food services shall be made by the Superintendent and/or School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The operation and supervision of the food services program shall be the responsibility of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.



The Food Service Program shall be operated on a nonprofit basis. All moneys derived from the operation, maintenance, or sponsorship of the food service facilities shall be deposited in the Food Service Account. The net cash resources of the food service account may not exceed three months' operating cost. A periodic review of the food service account shall be made by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Any surplus funds shall be used to reduce the cost of the service to pupils or to purchase cafeteria equipment.

The Superintendent shall ensure the maintenance of sanitary, neat premises, free from fire and health hazards, for the preparation and consumption of food and the safekeeping and storage of food and food equipment in strict compliance with regulations of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42.1; 18A:33-3 et seq.; 18A:58-7.1

N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.6 et seq.

N.J.A.C. 8:24-2.1 through 7.5

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