

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: FOOD SERVICES

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	<p style="text-align: center;">808. FOOD SERVICES</p> <p>1. Purpose Recognizing the importance of wholesome, nutritious lunches for all students in the district, the Board shall sponsor and assume responsibility for initiating, organizing, maintaining and operating the School Food Service Program.</p> <p>2. Authority The Board shall abide by all provisions of the Food Program or that portion of the agreement as established by the United States Department of Agriculture and/or the responsible bureau of the Department of Education.</p> <p>3. Responsibility The Board shall delegate to the Superintendent the overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining the Food Service Program.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall delegate the coordination of all functions of the Food Service Program to the Cafeteria Manager, under the direct supervision of the Business Office.</p> <p><u>School Lunches</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It shall be the intent of the District to prepare and offer wholesome, well-balanced meals to all pupils in our schools.2. The price of lunches will be one which will cover the cost of operating the Food Service Program. The Program should be operated to be self-sustaining and self-supporting. The Food Service Budget, which includes lunch prices, shall be approved by the Board.3. The District shall provide Free and Reduced Price Lunches following the guidelines as published by the Division of Food and Nutrition Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Education for all students meeting eligibility criteria.
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<p>School Code 504, 1335, 1337</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. The District prohibits any student to be denied a school food program meal to any student who requests one but does not have the money to pay for the meal at the time of service or in his or her meal account. Schools may only withhold meals from a student if they receive written direction from a parent/guardian.5. Communication about the amount of the student's meal debt must be directed to the parent/guardian, not to the student. This communication will occur once the student owes money for five or more meals. The District must then make at least two attempts to reach the parent/guardian.6. The District cannot publicly identify or stigmatize students because they have a school meal debt.7. The District cannot direct a student to discard a meal that has been served to them because they cannot pay for it at the time of service or because they have an existing school meal debt.8. To prevent students from being charged for meals when they may be eligible for free meals, PDE recommends schools perform a direct certification match weekly using the PrimeroEdge system. Since the list is updated weekly and students are routinely added to the Direct Certification list throughout the school year, this should ensure that all direct certified students are being identified for free meals.9. If a student is not on the Direct Certification list, the school may assist the family with applying for free or reduced-price meals. <p><u>Submission of Reports and Information</u></p> <p>The District shall provide reports or information that may be required to the Division of Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education and Department of Agriculture.</p> <p>See Also Administrative Regulation</p>
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