

Charging Policy

The goal of the food service program is to provide students with nutritious foods that will enhance learning. The school nutrition program is an essential part of the education system and by providing good-tasting, nutritious meals in pleasant surroundings, is helping to teach students the value of good nutrition.

The North Canaan Board of Education (Board) has an agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Education to participate in one or more school Child Nutrition Programs and accepts full responsibility for adhering to the federal and state guidelines and regulations pertaining to these school Child Nutrition Programs. Meals are planned to meet the specified nutrient standards outlined by the United States Department of Agriculture for children based on their age or grade group.

Although not required by law, because of the District's participation in the Child Nutrition Programs, the Board approves the establishment of a system to allow a student to charge a meal.

The Board realizes that funds from the non-profit school food service account, according to federal regulations, cannot be used to cover the cost of charged meals that have not been paid.

Moreover, federal funds are intended to subsidize the meals of children and may not be used to subsidize meals for adults (teachers, staff and visitors). Adults are not allowed to charge meals and shall pay for such meals at the time of service or through pre-paid accounts.

Charging is not encouraged by the District but on those occasions that a student does not have money, s/he will be offered an alternate meal. Examples of alternate meals include, but are not limited to, a cheese sandwich and milk.

The cost of providing this alternate meal cannot be incurred by the school food service account and the charge for this alternate meal will be \$1.75.

Definitions

"Alternate Meals" are not clearly defined in federal and state regulations. The use of alternate meals refers to any meal served to a student that is different from the day's advertised reimbursable meal. Alternate meals are most often provided to those students who have forgotten their meal payment(s) or medium of exchange.

(cf 3542-Food Service)

(cf 3542.31 - Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-215 Lunches, breakfasts and other feeding programs for public school children and employees.

10-215a Nonpublic school and nonprofit agency participation in feeding program.

10-215b Duties of State Board of Education re feeding program. State Board of Education Regulations

Operational Memorandum #19-10, State of Connecticut, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education

"Unallowable Charges to No-profit School Food Service Accounts and Serving of Meals to No-paying Full. and Reduced Price Students

National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program;

Competitive Foods. (7 CFR Parts 210 and 220, Federal Register, Vol45 No. 20, Tuesday, January 29, 1980, pp 6758-6772

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