

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Perry Board of Education recognizes that healthy eating patterns are essential for students to achieve their academic potential, full physical and mental growth, and lifelong health and wellbeing. To help ensure students possess the knowledge and skills necessary to make nutritious food choices for a lifetime, the superintendent shall prepare and implement a comprehensive district nutrition program consistent with state and federal requirements for districts sponsoring the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program. The input of staff, students, parents, and public health professionals will be encouraged.

The Perry Public Schools will operate a school nutrition program that will include lunch, breakfast, and may include after school snacks through participation in the Child Nutrition Programs. The superintendent, in conjunction with the nutrition services director and with the approval of the board of education, will establish and post student meal prices.

As required for participation in the Child Nutrition Programs, the board prescribes that:

- School lunch be made available to all students.
- Free and reduced price lunches be made available for students who meet the federal income guidelines. Free and reduced meal applications are available in each school office and in the nutrition services office.

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Meal payment options are addressed in policy COC: Meal Payments for Students and Adults. All funds remaining in student meal accounts will be held over for the next school year. If a student leaves the district or changes meal status, a refund may be requested. Final determination of refund will be made by the nutrition services director.

The district's nutrition program shall reflect the board's commitment to providing adequate time for instruction to promote healthy eating through nutrition education, serving healthy and appealing foods at district schools, developing food-use guidelines for staff, and establishing liaisons with nutrition service providers, as appropriate. Nutrition education topics shall be integrated within the sequential, comprehensive health education program taught at every grade level, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, and coordinated with the district's nutrition and food services operation.

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §1-107

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy COC, Meal Payments for Students and Adults