

**Regulation 3550: Food Service/Child Nutrition Program**

**Status:** ADOPTED

**Original Adopted Date:** 10/13/2022 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 10/13/2022

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate, nourishing food is essential to student health and well-being, development, and ability to learn. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to increase students' access to and participation in the district's food service programs and maintain fiscal integrity of the programs accordance with law.

Foods and beverages available through the district's food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease
2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law
3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits
4. Be served in age-appropriate portions
5. Be provided at no cost to students who request a meal

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall communicate information related to the district's food service programs to the public through available means, including, but not limited to, the district's web site, social media, flyers, and school publications.

The district's food service program shall give priority to serving unprocessed foods and fresh fruits and vegetables.

District schools are encouraged to establish school gardens and/or farm-to-school projects to increase the availability of safe, fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables for school meals and to support the district's nutrition education program.

To the extent possible, the school meal program shall be coordinated with the nutrition education program, instructional program for teachers, parents/guardians and food service employees, available community resources, and other related district programs.

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

The Superintendent or designee may invite students and parents/guardians to participate in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school menus.

Students shall be allowed adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and transportation schedules shall be designed to promote participation in school meal programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school cafeterias and facilities for food preparation and consumption.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a food safety program in order to reduce the risk of foodborne hazards at each site of the food preparation and service process.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on student participation in the district's nutrition programs and the extent to which the district's food service program meets state and federal nutrition standards for foods and beverages. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall provide all necessary and available documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) to ensure the food service program's compliance with federal requirements related to nutrition standards, meal patterns, provision of drinking water, school meal environment, food safety, and other area as required by the CDE.

**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 15510	Mandatory meals for needy students()
5 CCR 15530-15535	Nutrition education()
5 CCR 15550-15565	School lunch and breakfast programs()
5 CCR 15575-15578	Requirements for foods and beverages outside the federal meals program()
Ed. Code 35182.5	Contracts for advertising()
Ed. Code 38080-38103	Cafeteria; establishment and use()
Ed. Code 45103.5	Contracts for management consulting services; restrictions()
Ed. Code 48432.3	Voluntary enrollment in continuation education()
Ed. Code 49430-49434	Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001()
Ed. Code 49490-49494	School breakfast and lunch programs()
Ed. Code 49500-49505	School meals()
Ed. Code 49501.5	California Universal Meals Program()
Ed. Code 49510-49520	Nutrition()
Ed. Code 49530-49536	Child Nutrition Act()
Ed. Code 49540-49546	Child care food program()
Ed. Code 49547-49548.3	Comprehensive nutrition services()
Ed. Code 49550-49562	Meals for needy students()
Ed. Code 49570	National School Lunch Act()
Ed. Code 51795-51797	School instructional gardens()

H&S Code 113700-114437  
**State**

**Federal**

42 USC 1751-1769j  
42 USC 1758b  
42 USC 1761  
42 USC 1769a  
42 USC 1771-1793  
42 USC 1772  
42 USC 1773  
7 CFR 210.1-210.31  
7 CFR 215.1-215.18  
7 CFR 220.2-220.22  
7 CFR 245.1-245.13

**Management Resources**

CA Project Lean Publication  
California Department of Education Publication  
California Department of Education Publication  
CSBA Publication  
CSBA Publication  
CSBA Publication  
CSBA Publication  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication  
  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

Website

**Cross References**

**Code**

0470  
0500  
1312.4  
1312.4-E(1)  
  
1312.4-E(2)  
1325  
1340  
1340  
3000  
3260  
3260  
3510

California Retail Food Code; sanitation and safety requirements()  
**Description**

**Description**

National School Lunch Program()  
Local wellness policy()  
Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option()  
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program()  
Child Nutrition Act()  
Special Milk Program()  
School Breakfast Program()  
National School Lunch Program()  
Special Milk Program()  
National School Breakfast Program()  
Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk()

**Description**

Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006()  
Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005()  
Professional Standards in the School Nutrition Programs, Management Bulletin SNP-13-2020, Updated January 2022()  
Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009()  
Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007()  
Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007()  
Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006()  
School Breakfast Toolkit()  
Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement - Nutrition Programs and Activities, FNS Instruction 113-1, November 2005()  
Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005()  
Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs, December 2007()  
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Handbook for Schools, December 2010()  
Guidance for School Food Authorities: Developing a School Food Safety Program Based on the Process Approach to HACCP Principles, June 2005()  
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/UdykszdmPETuDsIshXk6R5akQ==>)  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Wry6HD6BSTBkfn7BqplusR7BQ==>)  
California Farm Bureau Federation(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/9DOfPfd6z2oylYgKzj0qKA==>)  
Nourish California(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5GeuVdU7HE4aLg3NFy4PTg==>)  
California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition) (<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/lzuCbbhn3rBrfeZTSNnVCw==>)  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/UUjirgk65IplusLWplusApdRjg==>)  
National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/GZJffQ4Hi71GbK8ILPjKsg==>)  
California School Nutrition Association(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/KnWOpY7WknQcdh5fJ85QQ==>)  
California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/O5xpn2rTFL2uz0BslshlorGXQ==>)  
California Department of Public Health(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/plusKghL3cnZRJOzDybcVsugA==>)  
California Healthy Kids Resource Center(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Ve9Yf61snLK7fRzOPU1xiQ==>)  
CSBA(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/W3Qxk2FPsDsQBnMIENxGg==>)

**Description**

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/TMQVm5JGloVbd6Ra44cmhQ==>)  
Accountability(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/em3MJUufnAlvChajC4tTplusw==>)  
Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/SB8MMrNSmCt4T0UAxi1R6w==>)  
Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/HKUzPzQvneGW5lhynTheZw==>)  
  
Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/F3mH0qiyz7nlKR6SBZYplus0w==>)  
Advertising And Promotion(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/yhoFpksY6T56Hyi7gQszg==>)  
Access To District Records(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/abLETnCsV21g7XTRR4BOCA==>)  
Access To District Records(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/UkFo6plus4oQg9qITqkQSpIpluskg==>)  
Concepts And Roles(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/DkTLOjRd9cCKrDXjPLIDnw==>)  
Fees And Charges(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/eT8obkodNBEZ93ScibP4SQ==>)  
Fees And Charges(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/gslshTNNzBzVp3GmkZsDf8tBw==>)  
Cross School Operations(<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/6mlyV641m9QzIKKzK4Jkzj0qKA==>)

Code	Description
3510	Green School Operations( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/xpkwv04Hzx8zUJKKkUvW==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/xpkwv04Hzx8zUJKKkUvW==</a> )
3514	Environmental Safety( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/A6SjYsENl4ixdAJ14XQgg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/A6SjYsENl4ixdAJ14XQgg==</a> )
3514	Environmental Safety( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/JUAslshDSLvNLwfp53uxzXzQw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/JUAslshDSLvNLwfp53uxzXzQw==</a> )
3517	Facilities Inspection( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/z352RrqnVz7SwoZsHEWfslshg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/z352RrqnVz7SwoZsHEWfslshg==</a> )
3517-E(1)	Facilities Inspection( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/SX2RcplusZtmap3ZBXtRCXYQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/SX2RcplusZtmap3ZBXtRCXYQ==</a> )
3551	Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5Ym35Ta4KXwYt2pnm7jpng==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5Ym35Ta4KXwYt2pnm7jpng==</a> )
3551	Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/HJKcr9hslshzuzXHHee763oOw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/HJKcr9hslshzuzXHHee763oOw==</a> )
3552	Summer Meal Program( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/G5bFN48ldFG5FmaA65VayQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/G5bFN48ldFG5FmaA65VayQ==</a> )
3552	Summer Meal Program( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/KQuXEwyDdqjb54ILX56bHw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/KQuXEwyDdqjb54ILX56bHw==</a> )
3553	Free And Reduced Price Meals( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Oplsg4RhnHbiuhjXhUpluG3A==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Oplsg4RhnHbiuhjXhUpluG3A==</a> )
3553	Free And Reduced Price Meals( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/cQgsFKBplusbU3xPg6ccZGQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/cQgsFKBplusbU3xPg6ccZGQ==</a> )
3554	Other Food Sales( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/aZ5vJgUGxJaZGUSi4TwwkOg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/aZ5vJgUGxJaZGUSi4TwwkOg==</a> )
3554	Other Food Sales( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/if7mshVQ41rJnogRB1n3JJg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/if7mshVQ41rJnogRB1n3JJg==</a> )
3555	Nutrition Program Compliance( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/xhzRoIZLjTckwAPjVAODZw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/xhzRoIZLjTckwAPjVAODZw==</a> )
3555-E(1)	Nutrition Program Compliance( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/RcYAmRslshBxZV5Ziar4cFKslshg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/RcYAmRslshBxZV5Ziar4cFKslshg==</a> )
3580	District Records( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/6M03sCl6P41EceWLW1uWdG==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/6M03sCl6P41EceWLW1uWdG==</a> )
3580	District Records( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Ki8VAAeTUNcAdislsH03eENWQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Ki8VAAeTUNcAdislsH03eENWQ==</a> )
4131	Staff Development( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/yRelc7uo7P78Fs1Kvlvxag==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/yRelc7uo7P78Fs1Kvlvxag==</a> )
4141.6	Concerted Action/Work Stoppage( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/9aqXr4Tt2fDLgJGwYv9qg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/9aqXr4Tt2fDLgJGwYv9qg==</a> )
4141.6	Concerted Action/Work Stoppage( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/lkUrfOYhPa6slshRs0QFCzpwW==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/lkUrfOYhPa6slshRs0QFCzpwW==</a> )
4231	Staff Development( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/kS8fe5XZ1WDDKIPFc38plusFw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/kS8fe5XZ1WDDKIPFc38plusFw==</a> )
4241.6	Concerted Action/Work Stoppage( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/8zplusrD20WLvDhqUtNU36WNA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/8zplusrD20WLvDhqUtNU36WNA==</a> )
4241.6	Concerted Action/Work Stoppage( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/GEQplusMrUoIDuWKR9t4WJaA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/GEQplusMrUoIDuWKR9t4WJaA==</a> )
5030	Student Wellness( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/iagP4oUaCJ9yyfslshcO8DTlg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/iagP4oUaCJ9yyfslshcO8DTlg==</a> )
5141.27	Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/3YXaDXfvj4g9ztdtR7yv7A==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/3YXaDXfvj4g9ztdtR7yv7A==</a> )
5141.27	Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/2slshYcSVFr5r3pJDVKXNM4VA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/2slshYcSVFr5r3pJDVKXNM4VA==</a> )
5148	Child Care And Development( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/4yv25cm9k2JJFrRslshy0LKw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/4yv25cm9k2JJFrRslshy0LKw==</a> )
5148	Child Care And Development( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5B5UheB3YslshVG6yhgfKjz1w==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5B5UheB3YslshVG6yhgfKjz1w==</a> )
5148.2	Before/After School Programs( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/oiKrybrhg6BAbsh2Xh4Kw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/oiKrybrhg6BAbsh2Xh4Kw==</a> )
5148.2	Before/After School Programs( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/slshPpluscJCuCthKoDNIEvBMfA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/slshPpluscJCuCthKoDNIEvBMfA==</a> )
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/g7EJOPxudgiTdmPcuZHn5w==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/g7EJOPxudgiTdmPcuZHn5w==</a> )
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/iqaPma1Dfgj22oQ4XF8ing==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/iqaPma1Dfgj22oQ4XF8ing==</a> )
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/k2hZ3tt712GQL6PpNECM3w==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/k2hZ3tt712GQL6PpNECM3w==</a> )
6142.8	Comprehensive Health Education( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/DuCj6slshSsGp72BNwjQGtmsw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/DuCj6slshSsGp72BNwjQGtmsw==</a> )
6173	Education For Homeless Children( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/PETfWdl0qrnyIUQsmb7dA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/PETfWdl0qrnyIUQsmb7dA==</a> )
6173	Education For Homeless Children( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/YMFslsh0LE5SQnpY3alCJMhDA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/YMFslsh0LE5SQnpY3alCJMhDA==</a> )
6173-E(1)	Education For Homeless Children( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Cjk7MujTeaXhPplusAcyJW4RQ==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Cjk7MujTeaXhPplusAcyJW4RQ==</a> )
6173-E(2)	Education For Homeless Children( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/o2yuhkcr1Scw55xdJDJQlg==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/o2yuhkcr1Scw55xdJDJQlg==</a> )
6176	Weekend/Saturday Classes( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/8L6jomcg8WaDypaMUGEZDA==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/8L6jomcg8WaDypaMUGEZDA==</a> )
7110	Facilities Master Plan( <a href="https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/blQl9aTulfejxTXd7No1iw==">https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/blQl9aTulfejxTXd7No1iw==</a> )