

Policy

FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCHES/MILK

The Oradell Board of Education recognizes the importance of a child receiving a nutritious, well-balanced meal to promote sound eating habits, to foster good health and academic achievement, and to reinforce the nutrition education taught in the classroom. Therefore, the Board of Education, at its option, may choose to participate in the school nutrition programs of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in accordance with the eligibility criteria of the program. These programs may include the National School Lunch Program and/or the Special Milk Program.

If the Board of Education chooses to participate in any of the school nutrition programs, it shall sign an Agreement with the Division of Food and Nutrition, School Nutrition Programs, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, for each school nutrition program operated within the school district. Any child nutrition program operated within the school district shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and all the requirements of the program. Student eligibility shall be as determined by the guidelines of the subsidizing agency. The Board requires that all regulations of the subsidizing agency be observed including and especially those which preserve the privacy of eligible students. If the Board chooses not to participate in the National School Lunch Program, it may implement its own free and reduced-price policy developed by the bureau of child nutrition programs pursuant to federal regulations.

Breakfast After the Bell

If seventy percent or more of the students enrolled in any school within the district on or before the last school day before October 16 of the preceding school year are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program or the Federal School Breakfast Program, the district shall establish a "Breakfast After the Bell" program for that school in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11.3

The school within the district may request a one-year waiver from their requirements to provide "Breakfast After the Bell" under certain circumstances set forth N.J.S.A. 18A:33-12.

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Key Words

Free Lunch, School Lunch, Lunch, Milk, Reduced-price Lunches/Milk

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:33-3 Cafeterias for students
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-4 School lunch; availability to all children
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-5 Exemptions
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-10 Establishment of school breakfast program in certain schools
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11 Implementation of school breakfast program by district
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7.1
through -7.2 School lunch program
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.2 Policy and agreement for school nutrition programs
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.8 Review and evaluation

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*2224	Affirmative action/nondiscrimination
	*3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives
	*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
	*3450	Money in school buildings
	*3510	Operation and maintenance of plant
	*3542	Food Service
	*3542.1	Wellness and nutrition
	*3542.44	Purchasing
	*4222	Noninstructional aides
	9123	Appointment of board secretary
	9124	Appointment of business official

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.