

FOOD SERVICE

The school lunch program shall make a nutritionally adequate lunch available to every student and shall operate on the most economically feasible basis.

It shall be operated in strict compliance with all laws and regulations pertaining to health, sanitation and safety; internal accounting; employment practices; nutritional standards; costs of lunches; and periodic reporting required by New Jersey law.

The school business administrator/board secretary is responsible for the administration and operation of the school lunch program in keeping with federal and state laws and the policies and directives of the board.

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Key Words

School Lunch, Food Service, Nutrition, Wellness,

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 Exceptions to requirement for advertising  
See particularly:  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(6)  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-6 Standards for purchase of fresh milk; penalties; rules and regulations  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-3 through -5 Cafeterias for pupils  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7.1 through -7.2 School lunch program ...  
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.1 et seq. Child Nutrition Programs  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.5 Supplies and equipment  
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1200 Participation by the public  
\*3220/3230 State funds; federal funds  
\*3450 Money in school buildings  
\*3510 Operation and maintenance of plant  
\*3542.1 Local wellness/Nutrition  
\*3542.31 Free or reduced-price lunches/milk  
\*3542.44 Purchasing  
\*4222 Noninstructional aides

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