

**MINIMUM STANDARDS  
FOR SCHOOL  
NUTRITION PROGRAM  
DIRECTORS**

TSD must ensure that all newly hired school nutrition program supervisors meet minimum hiring standards and ensure that all new and existing supervisors have completed the minimum annual training/education requirements for school nutrition program supervisors, as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations. *7 C.F.R. 210.30*

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE  
SCHOOL NUTRITION  
POLICIES**

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers federal and state nutrition programs including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) under 42 U.S.C. Section 1751 et seq.; and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) under 42 U.S.C. Section 1773. *Agriculture Code 12.0025*

DEFINITIONS

“School day” means the midnight before, to 30 minutes after, the end of the official school day.

“School campus” means all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the School that are accessible to students during the school day.

*4 TAC 26.1*

EXEMPT  
FUNDRAISERS

Schools that participate in the NSLP or SBP may sell food and beverages that do not meet nutritional standards outlined in 7 C.F.R. Parts 210 and 220 as part of a fundraiser, during the school day, for up to six days per school year on each school campus, provided that no specially exempted fundraiser foods or beverages may be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service. *4 TAC 26.2*

**PROVIDING FREE  
MEALS TO  
STUDENTS PROVIDING  
FREE MEALS TO  
STUDENTS**

Since all TSD residential students automatically receive free and reduced lunch meals, TSD may provide food at no cost to a non-residential student for breakfast, lunch, or dinner meals or a snack.

This should not prohibit TSD from requiring parents to complete applications for free and reduced lunch.

**LAUREN’S LAW**

Notwithstanding known food allergies, TSD may not adopt any rule, policy, or program under Education Code 28.002 that would prohibit a parent or grandparent or legal guardian of a student from providing any food product of the parent’s or grandparent’s choice to:

1. Children in the classroom of the child on the occasion of the child’s birthday; or
2. Children at a school-designated function.

*Education Code 28.002(1-3)(2)*

**DONATION OF FOOD**

The Superintendent may authorize Food Service supervisors to donate food to a nonprofit organization. Food donated by the campus may include:

3. Surplus food prepared for breakfast, lunch, or dinner meals or a snack to be served at the campus cafeteria, subject to any applicable local, state, and federal requirements; or
4. Food donated to the campus as the result of a food drive or similar event.

*Education Code 33.907*

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