

## **Business/Non-Instructional Operations**

### **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL**

**3542.41(a)**

The Board of Education (Board) recognizes that students require adequate, nourishing food and beverages to grow, learn, and maintain good health. Therefore, the Board provides a food service program for school breakfasts and school lunches that meet the dietary specifications in accordance with the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and applicable laws and regulations.

This service shall be under the supervision of the Food Services Director who shall be responsible to the Chief Financial Officer. The Food Services Director shall be hired under specific job qualifications.

The food service Director and all staff who manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs shall comply with the professional standards for school nutrition personnel as described in the regulations of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), Public Law 111-296. These regulations establish hiring standards for the selection of State and local school nutrition program directors, and requires all personnel in the school nutrition programs to complete annual continuing education/training.

The food service contractor will provide training to all staff that includes an overview of food allergies, Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act, avoidance of cross contamination, effective cleaning and sanitation practices, and practices for the accommodation and safety of students with life-threatening food allergy in accordance with USDA regulations.

The Board believes that the fulfillment of these professional standards for food service personnel will result in consistent, professional standards that strengthen the ability of school nutrition professionals and staff to perform their duties effectively and efficiently in accordance with national and state standards. Requiring proper qualifications to serve in the District's Child Nutrition Programs is expected to improve the quality of school meals, reduce errors, and enhance Program integrity.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-215 Lunches, breakfasts and other feeding programs for public school children and employees.  
10-215a Nonpublic school and nonprofit agency participation feeding programs.  
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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)  
10-215b Duties of State Board of Education re feeding programs.  
10-216 Payment of expenses.  
10-217 State Board of Education Regulations.  
10-215b-1 School lunch and nutrition programs.  
10-215b-11 Requirement for meals.  
10-215b-12 Reimbursement payments. (including free and reduced price meals)  
Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, 42 U.S.C. Section 1751.  
School Lunch and Breakfast Programs 42 U.S.C. Section 1751 et seq.  
National Food Service Programs, Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations, 7  
CFR Part 210, Part 220, Part 215, Part 245.  
42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758(h)/7 CFR Sect 210.13, 220.7 (School Food Safety Inspections).  
Federal Register (74 Fed. Reg. 66213) amending federal regulations (7CFR Part 210 and 220).  
Federal Register (80 Fed No 40) Professional Standards for State and Local Nutrition Programs Personnel as Required by the Healthy, HungerFree Kids Act of 2010.  
P.L. 111-296 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), 42 U.S.C. 1751.  
7 CFR Parts 210 & 220 – Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs.  
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities  
Receiving Federal Assistance, 7 C.F.R. Part 15b (2001).

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