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3 **NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Food Services

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7 The District supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch Program and shall provide
8 wholesome, appetizing, and nutritious meals for children in District schools. The Board may authorize a
9 portion of federal funds received in lieu of taxes to be used to provide free meals for federally connected
10 indigent students.

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12 Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program shall not accept donations of
13 food without approval of the Board. Should the Board approve a food donation, the Superintendent shall
14 establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that provisions of all state and
15 local laws have been met before selling the food as part of school meals.

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17 As an integral part of a school, the District’s food service is operated in compliance with ARM
18 Title 37, chapter 110, subchapter 2, rules for food service establishments.

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20 Commodities

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22 The District shall use food commodities made available under the Federal Food Commodity Program for
23 school meals.

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25 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

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27 The District shall provide free and reduced-price meals to students, according to the terms of the National
28 School Lunch Program and the laws, rules, and regulations of the state. The District shall inform parents
29 of the eligibility standards for free or reduced-price meals. Identity of students receiving free or reduced-
30 price meals shall be confidential, in accordance with National School Lunch Program guidelines. A
31 parent has the right to appeal to a designated hearing official any decision with respect to his or her
32 application for free or reduced-price food services.

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34 The Board may establish programs whereby meals may be provided in the District in accordance with
35 National School Lunch Program guidelines.

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37 The amount charged for such meals shall be sufficient to cover all costs of the meals, including
38 preparation labor and food, handling, utility, and equipment depreciation costs.

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41	Legal Reference:	§ 20-10-204, MCA Duties of trustees
42		§ 20-10-205, MCA Allocation of federal funds to school food services fund
43		for federally connected, indigent pupils
44		§ 20-10-207, MCA School food services fund
45		37.111.842, ARM Food Service Requirements
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