

POLICY

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Food Service

The school lunch program shall make a nutritionally adequate lunch available to every pupil 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 Chief School Administrator is responsible for the administration and operation of the school lunch program in keeping with federal and state laws and policies and directives of the board.

Special Dietary Needs:

The school food service is encouraged to make food substitutions, at their discretion, for pupils who do not have a disability, but who are medically certified as having a special medical or dietary need who are unable to eat regular meals as prepared. Such determinations are only made on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with the School Nurse. This provision covers those pupils who have food intolerances or allergies but do not have life-threatening reactions (anaphylactic reactions) when exposed to the food(s) to which they have problems.

Each special dietary request must be supported by a statement, which explains the food substitution that is requested. It must include an identification of the medical or other special dietary condition, which restricts the pupil's diet; the food(s) to be omitted from the pupil's diet; and the food(s) to be substituted. The statement must be signed and dated by a recognized medical authority.

Students with Disabilities:

The school food service must make food substitutions or modifications for pupils with disabilities. Substitution or modification for pupils with disabilities must be based on a prescription written by a licensed physician. Under no circumstance are school food service personnel to revise or change a diet prescription or medical order for a student with a disability.

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