



Policy #52 124D.111 School Meals; Lunch Aid; Food Service Accounting. **United States Department of Agriculture Food Service**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to make clear to students, parents, and staff the school policy regarding the school's food service function – and in particular, its policy related to the charging and the collection of fees for said services.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

As of the date of the adoption of this policy, ALL St. Cloud Math and Science Academy students (100%) qualify for free food and beverage(s) under the guidelines of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Department of Education, and other relevant governing authorities. The school agrees with and supports this determination and will apply the decision in conformity with all rules and procedures.

As such, there are no charges for meals, food, or beverages,

All students accessing the school's meal plan(s) will be treated with dignity and respect at all times. No student will be denied a meal, foods, or beverage(s) at anytime for any reason.

With the exception of very brief disciplinary corrective action, no student will have his/her meal or beverages interrupted or interfered with once being served.

The school will review and amend this policy immediately if and when one hundred percent (100%) of students do not qualify for free meals, food, and/or beverage(s) under the Department of Agriculture and/or Minnesota Department of Education rules.

III. AVAILABILITY TO FACULTY, STAFF, EMPLOYEES, ADULTS/ NON-STUDENTS

School employees and all other non-student adults who access or participate in any kind of food or beverage from the school's food service program will pay a point-of-sale cash amount for said purchase(s) consistent with government guidelines and mandates.

IV. FEES

There are no student fees or charges associated with the school meals, lunches, food, or beverages.

The school will not use a collections agency to collect fees.

V. THIRD PARTY VENDOR(S)

The school is authorized to consider and to enter into contracts with third-party vendor(s) for purposes of conducting its food service program(s).

If/ When such contracts, relationships, and/or associations are entered into, the third-party vendor will receive a copy of this policy, will be instructed in its full meaning, and will comply with this policy.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

The Executive Director is charged with promulgating, implementing and fairly enforcing this policy.

Legal References:
Minn. Stat. § 124D.111

St. Cloud Math and Science Academy Charter School #4223

Board of Directors

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