

UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

FILE: EFCA

TITLE: Universal Breakfast Programs

POLICY:

In recognition of the documented evidence of the relationship to good nutrition and the increase in ability to learn and perform well in school, this policy is established for the implementation of Universal Breakfast Programs at the school level.

- (1) Subsection (5)(a) of Section 1006.06, Florida Statutes provides that each “district school board shall implement school breakfast programs that make breakfast meals available to all students in each elementary school. By the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, universal school breakfast programs shall be offered in schools in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Each school shall, to the maximum extent practicable, make breakfast meals available to students at an alternative site location, which may include, but need not be limited to, alternative breakfast options as described in publications of the Food and Nutrition Service (“FNS”) of the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) for the federal School Breakfast Program.” Therefore, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, all elementary schools in Orange County that meet the criteria stated above shall participate in the Universal Breakfast Programs.
- (2) Furthermore, subsection (5)(c) of Section 1006.06, Florida Statutes, provides that each “district school board is encouraged to provide universal-free school breakfast meals to all students in each elementary, middle, and high school.” Subject to the availability of funds and annual Board approval, beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, all middle schools and high schools in Orange County that meet the criteria stated above shall also participate in the Universal Breakfast Programs.
- (3) Eligibility for the Universal Breakfast Program is by school and, therefore, will not transfer with a student to another school without the program.
- (4) The policy for free and reduced meals will be followed for reimbursement claims to the Department of Education as required by USDA Regulations (CFR 7, Part 245).
- (5) A school participating in a Universal Breakfast Program will allow all students 100% access to the meals. Strategies for delivering the meal will be shared by the school administration and FNS.
- (6) It is the intent for school meal programs to be self sufficient, therefore, FNS will set participation targets for each school within the Universal Breakfast Program so that revenue received from the USDA covers the expenses to provide the Universal Breakfast Program. For the period of time that it takes the schools to reach their targets, the District shall cover the gap between the cost and revenue as provided for in subsection (5)(b) of Section 1006.06, Florida Statutes.

(7) The school administration and FNS will collect Free and Reduced Meal Applications from all students throughout the year. Students moving through the Point of Sale will be documented as required by USDA Regulations (CFR 7, Part 245).

(8) Definitions

(a) "Universal meals" will be reimbursable meals offered through the USDA Child Nutrition Program which is offered to all students at a school regardless of eligibility status for free or reduced price meals.

(b) "Reimbursable meal" means that the food served meets the standards for school meals as required by USDA Regulations (CFR 7, Part 210) and is therefore eligible for reimbursement.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED: CFR 7, Part 210; Section 1006.06, Florida Statutes

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