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### **Participation in National Child Nutrition Program**

The Atlanta Board of Education hereby provides for the Atlanta Public Schools annually to enter into an agreement to participate in the Child Nutrition Program and receive commodities donated by the United States Department of Agriculture. The Board accepts responsibility for providing free and reduced-price meals to eligible children in the schools under its jurisdiction.

The Board assures the State Department of Education, School Food Service Programs that the APS will uniformly implement the policy with respect to determining the eligibility of children for free and reduced-price meals in all schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

### **School Wellness Programs**

The Atlanta Board of Education promotes student success and healthy schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition, and regular physical activity as a part of the total learning environment. Improved health optimizes student academic performance potential and supports student achievement.

In support of the health and welfare of each student in the Atlanta Public Schools, the board provides for a healthful nutrition program that meets federal standards and features foods from local sources to the greatest extent possible. The superintendent shall ensure that all schools develop local school wellness plans and provide nutrition, health and physical education at all levels based upon state standards.

### **Vending Machines**

The Atlanta Board of Education, recognizing the importance of providing nutritious meals to all students and also recognizing that the sale of less nutritious foods interferes with the consumption of school meals, prohibits the sale of all foods and beverages outside of the School Nutrition Program from the beginning of the school day (12:01 A.M. as defined in State Board of Education Rule 160-5-6.01) until at least thirty (30) minutes after the end of the student day in elementary, middle, and high schools.

Nothing herein, however, should be construed to prevent principals from limiting the sale of such items until a time later than thirty (30) minutes after the close of the regular school day, if in the judgment of the principal these sales will have a negative impact on school operations such as the loading and departing of school buses and the general, timely departure of students from the school premises when their individual school/school activity schedules have been completed.

### **Unstructured Break Time**

The Board allows unstructured breaks for students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 8.

In line with district goals of maximizing autonomy and flexibility, the school principal shall determine the timing, duration and location of unstructured breaks at each school. The principal shall consult with school-level and system-level instructional staff as appropriate to ensure that each student receives maximum instructional time to promote increased academic achievement and that breaks are scheduled to support the learning process.

The principal shall also establish local school practices that ensure break time is appropriately supervised and safe.

Breaks may not be withheld from students for disciplinary reasons. Further, the decisions to withhold break time shall not be inconsistent with any behavioral plan developed by the school for the student, including a Section 504 plan or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

The superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy, including procedures to evaluate compliance with this policy.

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### **See also:**

[Board Policy GAMA Safe and Drug-Free Workplace](#)

[Board Policy IC Curriculum Development](#)

[Board Policy IDB Health Education](#)

### **Legal citations:**

[O.C.G.A. 20-02-1170 Penalty for providing false information on free or reduced food application](#)

[O.C.G.A. 20-02-0187 School lunch program/personnel; instruction in nutrition, hygiene, etiquette and social graces](#)

[O.C.G.A. 20-02-0066 School breakfast programs](#)

[O.C.G.A. 20-02-0777 Annual Fitness Assessments; reporting and compliance](#)

[O.C.G.A. 20-02-0013 Educational research; preparation/publication of instructional material](#)

[O.C.G.A. 20-02-0142 Prescribed courses; development/dissemination of instructional materials on effects of alcohol](#)

[Rule 160-4-2-.12 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Program Plan](#)

[Rule 160-5-6-.01 Statewide School Nutritional Program](#)

[42 USC 1751 School Lunch Programs](#)

[42 USC 1766 Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)

[42 USC 1773 School Breakfast Program](#)

[07 CFR 210.11 Competitive Food Services](#)

[07 CFR 215.1 Special Milk Program for Children, under the Child Nutrition Act](#)

[07 CFR 220.12 School Breakfast Program-Competitive Food Services](#)

[42 USC 1758 Program requirements-School Lunch Program](#)

[07 CFR 210.1 National School Lunch Program - general purpose and scope](#)

[42 USC 1779 Child Nutrition](#)

[07 CFR 210.11 Competitive Food Services](#)

[42 USC 1758 Program requirements-School Lunch Program](#)  
[07 CFR 210, Appendix B Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value](#)  
[07 CFR 220.2 Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value-Definition](#)

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