

# **MERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

The Merton Community School District shall provide the opportunity for students to participate in a nutritious, healthful lunch program.

The Board believes that:

1. Foods available on school premises should contribute to the nutritional well-being of students.
2. Foods shall be prepared in ways which will appeal to students while retaining nutritive quality.
3. Food should be served in quantities coinciding with federal regulations and appropriate to the needs of students at their age level and served in as pleasant and relaxed an atmosphere as possible.

The food service program shall be operated under the direction of the Superintendent and Business Manager in accordance with laws, regulations and policies established for children's nutrition program by the federal government and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The food service program shall strive to be self-supporting.

Eligibility for free or reduce priced meal benefits shall be based on state and/or federal regulations. Parents/guardians shall be informed of the District policy and regulations concerning free or reduced priced meal benefits. Children eligible for free or reduce priced meal benefits shall not be treated differently from other children. There shall be no overt identification of any of the children by the use of special tokens or tickets or by any other means. The children shall not be required to work for their meals or milk, use a separate dining area or entrance, or consume their meals or milk at a different time.

The District may choose to contract its meal preparation to outside vendors who are expected to comply with all applicable district policies.