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Special Nutrition Programs

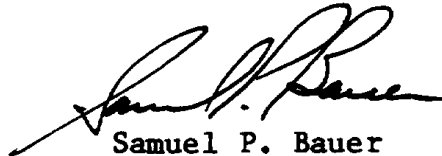
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Fees for Lunchroom Services

This Instruction sets forth the policy regarding fees, other than the basic meal charge, assessed against children participating in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk and Commodity School Programs to support the meal or milk service.

Children participating in School Nutrition Programs shall not be charged any additional fees for supervisory or other services provided in conjunction with the delivery of benefits under these programs. This policy is based on authorizing program legislation which clearly intends that these programs be made available to all children in participating schools. By charging fees in addition to the regular reduced price or paid meal charge, a school is limiting access to the program and imposing an additional criterion for participation.

In this regard, it has been a long-standing policy that documented costs such as lunchroom supervision can be considered allowable costs of operating a food service program. Therefore, schools are entitled to pay for this administrative expense out of the nonprofit food service account. Other options, such as seeking additional revenues from other sources, are also viable options if current funding is inadequate.



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