


Bridges Charter School 	Board Policy <h2 style="text-align: center;">Food Service/Child Nutrition Program</h2>		
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Bridges Charter School recognizes that students need adequate, nourishing food in order to grow, learn, and maintain good health. Foods and beverages available through the school’s food service program shall:

1. Be carefully selected so as to contribute to students' nutritional well-being and the prevention of disease
2. Meet or exceed nutrition standards specified in law and administrative regulation
3. Be prepared in ways that will appeal to students, retain nutritive quality, and foster lifelong healthful eating habits
4. Be served in age-appropriate portions
5. Be available to students who meet federal eligibility criteria at no cost or at reduced prices, and to other students at reasonable prices

The school's food service program shall give priority to serving unprocessed foods and fresh fruits and vegetables.

To encourage student participation in school meal programs, schools may offer multiple choices of food items within a meal service, provided all food items meet nutrition standards and all students are given an opportunity to select any food item.

The Director or designee shall encourage the participation of students and parents/guardians in the selection of foods of good nutritional quality for school.

The Board desires to provide students with adequate time and space to eat meals. To the extent possible, school, recess, and lunch schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school meal programs.

The Director or designee shall periodically review the adequacy of school facilities for proper eating space.

The Director or designee shall annually report to the Board on student participation in the school's nutrition programs. In addition, the Director or designee shall provide all necessary and available documentation required for the Administrative Review conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) to ensure the food service program's compliance with federal requirements related to nutrition standards, meal patterns, and provision of drinking water, school meal environment, food safety, and other areas as required by the CDE.