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. Atlanta Public Schools provides all students with healthy school meals based on United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations that meet the daily nutritional needs of students and support optimal academic performance.

Atlanta Public Schools has a duty to implement the regulations of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) 7 CFR Part 210 in a fiscally responsible manner. In instances where student school meal accounts become delinquent, the district will continue to make school meals available to students, unless the parents have consented in writing to withholding meals and/or the delinquency has reached a pre-determined amount set by the district.

Pursuant to USDA Policy SP 47-2016, by July 1, 2017, all School Fund Authorities (SFAs) participating in the NSLP must include in their written meal charge policy a statement regarding the collection of unpaid meal charges. Accordingly, the Chief Financial Officer will use non-federal funds to make whole student meal debt that is older than twelve months and that has not been resolved through reasonable collection efforts.

In the case of school meal debt incurred by students enrolled at charter schools or partnership schools with food service contracts, APS will require amendment of the food service contracts to place the responsibility for resolving this debt on the charter or partnership schools. The district will not renew charter school or partnership school food service contracts that do not provide for settlement of student meal debt by the school.

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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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