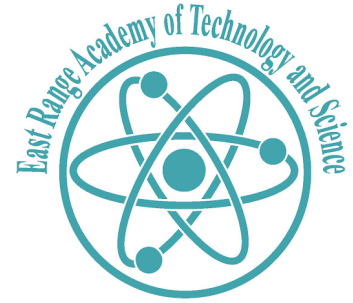


Board Policy 527

School Meals



Adopted: September 2022

[Note: This policy will be updated during the 2023-2024 school year to reflect Minnesota's legislation which provides free breakfast and lunch to all students in the state. Students will see no change in their food service experience.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide transparency concerning processes and fund sources for the East Range Academy food service program.

II. POLICY

- A. **Students.** East Range Academy provides free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of income, made possible by the Minnesota Department of Education *Community Eligibility Provision* (CEP). This provision allows eligible districts and schools in low-income areas to provide school lunch and breakfast at no charge to all students, using simplified meal counting and claiming methods. Schools or districts must have a required percentage of students identified for free meals, and must agree to serve free lunches and breakfasts to all students.
- B. **Staff.** Staff do not qualify for free meals through the CEP. To fund a meal account, a check should be written payable to "ERATS" with a note in the memo blank indicating a meals payment. Any debt not paid by the end of a fiscal year may be subtracted from a summer paycheck.

Resources

MDE's CPE website

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/FNS/SNP/specpr/Comm/> (accessed 9/12/2022)