

281—98.74(283A,298A) School nutrition fund. All school districts will operate or provide for the operation of lunch programs at all attendance centers in the school district. A school district may operate or provide for the operation of school breakfast programs at all attendance centers in the district, or provide access to a school breakfast program at an alternative site to students who wish to participate in a school breakfast program.

98.74(1) Sources of revenue in the school nutrition fund. Sources of revenue in the school nutrition fund include food sales to pupils and adults, ancillary food services, state and federal grants in aid for the operation of a nutrition program, gifts, sales of services to other funds, donated government commodities, and interest on investment of school nutrition fund moneys. Also included are fees charged for providing food services to staff meetings and authorized organizations for meetings on the premises in accordance with the rules of the board. The charges for such services must be no less than the actual costs involved in providing the services including the value of donated government commodities.

98.74(2) Appropriate uses of the school nutrition fund. Appropriate expenditures in the school nutrition fund include the following:

a. Expenditures necessary to operate a school breakfast or lunch program such as salaries and benefits for employees necessary to operate the food service program, food, purchased services, supplies, and school nutrition equipment not included in Iowa Code section 283A.9.

b. Costs to provide food service for school staff and ancillary food services to staff meetings and authorized organizations for meetings on the premises in accordance with the rules of the board of directors of the school district if those costs are reimbursed by another fund, organization, or individual.

98.74(3) Inappropriate uses of the school nutrition fund. Inappropriate expenditures in the school nutrition fund include the following:

a. Costs to provide food service for school staff and ancillary food services to staff meetings and authorized organizations for meetings on the premises at less than actual costs involved in providing the services including the value of donated government commodities.

b. Operating transfers to any other fund other than to claim indirect costs.

c. Costs to purchase, construct, reconstruct, repair, remodel, or otherwise acquire or equip a building for use as a school meal facility. These costs are permitted from the PPEL fund.

d. Costs estimated or allocated that are expenditures of the district.

98.74(4) Unpaid student meals account. Beginning with the budget year beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with Iowa Code section 283A.11, a school district may establish an unpaid student meals account in the school nutrition fund and may deposit in the account moneys received from private sources for purposes of paying student meal debt accrued by individual students as well as amounts designated for the account from the school district's flexibility account as described in rule 281—98.27(257,298A). Moneys deposited in the unpaid student meals account will be used by the school district only to pay individual student meal debt. The school district will set fair and equitable procedures for such expenditures.

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