

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Series 700

POLICY TITLE REDUCTION OF FOOD WASTE

No. 710.5

In accordance with state and federal law, the Johnston Community School District adopts the following policy in an effort to reduce food waste and to educate students about environmental stewardship through reduction and recycling of waste, as well as reducing community hunger through the donation of excess food to charitable organizations.

The Chief Financial Officer, in conjunction with the Director of Nutrition Services or designee, is authorized to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy. The procedures may include strategies designed to reduce or eliminate food waste, including, but not limited to, the use of best practices in meal preparation, serving, timing of meals, and sharing tables. The procedures may also include the donation of food to non-profit organizations in accordance with and to the extent authorized by applicable law. All food donations shall be made to qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. In addition, the Director of Nutrition Services shall at least annually review the amount of food waste generated and adjust menu selection and food preparation accordingly.

Legal Reference:

42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 *et seq.*

7 C.F.R. §§ 210 *et seq.*

U.S. Dep't of Agric., SP 11-2012, Guidance on the Food Donation Program in Child Nutrition Programs (2012)

Iowa Code 283A

281 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 58

Cross Reference:

710.1 School Food Program

710.5R Reduction of Food Waste Regulation

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