Summary of USDA regulations on Geographic Preference

Local

Minimally Processed
Unprocessed agricultural products retain their inherent character.

Defined by the School District

This

Frozen
Sliced
Washed
Packaged
Dried
Pasteurized

Not This

Cooked
Heated
Canned
Pickled

Applies To

Products, not vendors

What products are allowable?

Fruits
Vegetables
Meats - Including fresh or unprocessed frozen products and formed products, such as patties, that contain no additives or fillers
Fish - Including whole, form, filets or nuggets that contain no additives or fillers
Poultry - Including whole, form, or various cuts
Dairy - Unflavored fluid milk is allowed, but flavored milk or any processed dairy products such as yogurt, cheeses, etc. is not
Eggs
Grains - Including quinoa, rice, barley, etc. in whole form and other grains in ground form such as flour

For more information see USDA memos: SP 18-2011 & SP 03-2013