

FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled and attending school in the school district who meet the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) eligibility guidelines, will be provided the school nutrition program services at no cost or at a reduced price. The school district will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

The district shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility criteria, and application procedures for free or reduced price meals in accordance with state and federal law.

It is the responsibility of the building principal to determine if a the eligibility of students qualifies for free or reduced price cost school nutrition programs, in accordance with criteria established by state and federal law food services. If school personnel have knowledge of a student who is in need of free or reduced-price meals, school personnel shall contact the Building Principal Students, whom the principal believes are improperly nourished, will not be denied the school food program services simply because the paperwork has not been completed.

If a student owes money for five or more meals, the *school principal or business manager* may contact the student's parent or guardian to provide information regarding the application for free or reduced price meals. The school is encouraged to provide reimbursable meals to students who request reimbursable meals unless the students' parent or guardian has specifically provided written direction to the school to withhold a meal from the student.

Employees, students not qualified for free meals and others will be required to pay purchase tickets for meals consumed.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

Cross Reference: 710 School Food Services

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