

Free and Reduced Price Meals

Annually the District Food Service Director and Business Manager will assure that the District will meet the requirements set out by the State and Federal Nutrition program. These assurances will include the following:

1. The official(s) designated by the district to make eligibility determinations on its behalf for free and reduced price meals.
2. An assurance that for students who are not categorically eligible for free and reduced price benefits, the district will determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals in accordance with the current income eligibility guidelines.
3. The specific procedures the district will use in accepting applications from families for free and reduced price meals. School officials may seek verification of the information on application forms. If a student's household refuses to cooperate in efforts to verify information, eligibility for free and reduced price benefits may be terminated in accordance with legal requirements.
4. A description of the method(s) to be used to collect payments from those students paying the full price of the meal, or a reduced price of a meal, which would prevent overt identification of students receiving free or reduced price meals. (Policy 763)
5. An assurance that the district will abide by required nondiscrimination practices and hearing procedures. A family can appeal a decision made by the district with respect to a free and reduced price meal application and the district can challenge the continued eligibility of any student for a free or reduced price meal.

Notice of the eligibility criteria for free and reduced price meals and application procedures must be given at the beginning of the school year to the parents of all students in attendance at schools participating in federally subsidized food and nutrition programs. A public release containing the same information must be provided to the media. Prompt written notice of approval or denial of free or reduced price meal applications must be given to those households/families in which applications have been made. Such notices must be given in accordance with legal requirements.

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