

Policy 801.2

FOOD SERVICE

FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Free-Reduced Priced Meals

A program of Free-Reduced Priced meals shall be offered in the district for those students who shall qualify as per the guidelines set for by the government under the direction of the Food and Nutrition program.

Requirements and guidelines under this program shall be strictly adhered to including eligibility requirements, notifications, anonymity of those receiving the meals, and non-discrimination. Responsibility for this program is under the Food Service Director. Parents/guardians of children who feel their application for Free-Reduced meals has been denied unfairly, may appeal such decision on the part of the Food Service Director directly to the Superintendent of Schools.

A letter and application form will be distributed to all parents as a part of registration materials. The letter will contain information on the eligibility standards, procedures for applying, and how an appeal may be filed for an adjustment in the decision with respect to their application. This information and an application form will be provided whenever a new student is enrolled and as requested by the family.

Annually all parents will be provided with a copy of the Free and Reduced Price School Meal Application and encouraged to complete the application and submit it to the Food Service Director.

Near the end of the renewal period, the Food Service Director will contact families who qualified last year but have not yet submitted a new application. The application form will be sent to these families accompanied by a letter requesting that the parent complete and submit the application. A copy of that letter and a list of families notified will be kept on file, thereby demonstrating the district's efforts.

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