

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that the nutrition of district students is an important factor in their educational progress. The Board therefore shall participate in federally funded school lunch programs, and shall provide free or reduced price food services to qualified district students.

1. ***Eligibility Determination***

The Food Service Manager shall make final determinations as to which children in attendance at his/her school are eligible to receive such services.

2. ***Standards of Eligibility***

Any child who is a member of a family unit whose income is below the New York State Minimum Scale for family units of the same number shall be eligible to receive such services.

3. ***Application Procedures***

- a. Application forms will be distributed to all district families in the August district newsletter and to all children who enroll in the district as soon as possible after the beginning of the school year. Further, a public release shall be made in an effort to announce the program.
- b. Completed forms must be submitted to the Food Service Manager of the school which the student attends prior to any determination of eligibility.
- c. The adult responsible for the child will be informed of the Food Service Manager's determination within one week of receiving a properly completed application.

4. ***Provision for Anonymity***

All reasonable effort will be extended in protecting the anonymity of the student in accordance with federal regulations governing such programs.

5. ***Provision for Appeal***

A family whose application has been denied may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. Upon written request, the Assistant Superintendent for Business will hear appeals of determinations regarding such services in compliance with federal regulations governing the National School Lunch Program.

Cross-Reference: Policy 8500 – Food Service Management

References:

National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended (42 USC, 1751-1760)
Child Nutrition Act of 1966, PL 89-642, 80 Stat. 885, as amended

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