

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, receiving commodities from the Department of Agriculture. Under this program, the district shall provide free or reduced price food services to qualified district students.

1. *Eligibility Determination*

The Superintendent of Schools shall make final determinations as to which children in attendance are eligible to receive such services. Criteria will be used in accordance with the federal directives as prescribed by the State Education Department.

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 available in the main office of each school building.
- b. Completed forms must be submitted to the Cafeteria Manager for the school which the student attends prior to any determination of eligibility.
- c. The adult responsible for the child will be informed of the Cafeteria Manager's determination within one week of receiving a properly completed application.

4. *Provision for Anonymity*

Upon approval of the application for free food services, the Building Principal or school nurse-teacher will introduce the recipient to the cashier, who will visually acknowledge the student thereafter. 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*

Upon written request, the Business Manager will hear appeals of determinations regarding such services in compliance with federal regulations governing the National School Lunch Program.

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

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