

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Children who attend school in the district will be provided nutritionally acceptable meals at no cost or at a reduced cost if they are unable to pay the regular price. Whether or not a particular child is eligible for free or reduced price meals or milk, the building principal, in accordance with guidelines set by the National School Lunch Program, will determine eligibility. Decisions on eligibility may be appealed to the superintendent of schools.

In accordance with the guidelines for participation in the National School Lunch Program, and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, no child who a teacher believes is improperly nourished will be denied a meal simply because the proper papers have not been filed by his/her parents or guardian. The needs of the individual child will always be considered first.

The criteria and procedures for determining a student's need and the steps to secure free or reduced price meals will be outlined and made known to the general public by school personnel. These criteria and procedures are established at the state/federal level.

Students who participate in free or reduced price meal programs will not be distinguished in any way from students who pay the regular price; great care shall be taken to protect the anonymity of these students. Their names will not be made known to any person except such staff member or members as needed to make the special arrangements for them.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 *et seq.* (1994).
 7 C.F.R. Pt. 210 *et seq.* (2003).
 Iowa Code ch 283A (2003).
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