

Board Policy

Code No. 710.2

FREE OR REDUCED COST MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled and attending school in the school district who meet USDA eligibility guidelines will be provided the school food program services at no cost or at a reduced price. The school district shall make reasonable efforts to prevent the overt identification of students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

The district shall at least twice annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility criteria, and application procedures for free or reduced price meals in accordance with state and federal law.

It shall be the responsibility of the nutrition services official to determine if a student qualifies for free or reduced price school nutrition programs, consistent with the guidelines established by state and federal law.

If a student owes money for five or more meals, nutrition service official may contact the student's parent or guardian to provide information regarding the application for free or reduced price meals. The school is encouraged to provide reimbursable meals to students who request reimbursable meals unless the students' parent or guardian has specifically provided written direction to the school to withhold a meal from the student.

Employees, students and others will be required to put appropriate funds on deposit for meals consumed.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

Legal Reference: 2 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq.
 7 C.F.R. Pt. 210 et seq.
 Iowa Code ch. 283A
 281 I.A.C. 58.

Cross Reference: 710.1 School Nutrition Program
 710.3 Vending Machines
 710.4 Meal Charge Policy

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