

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The district will take part in the National School Lunch Program and other food programs that may become available to assure that all children in the district receive proper nourishment.

The Board of Education will offer free and reduced price lunches and free milk to those qualifying children in accordance with standards established by the state and federal governments. In accordance with these standards and the wishes of the Board no child, who a teacher believes is improperly nourished, will be denied a free lunch, milk, or other food simply because proper application has not been received from his parents or guardian.

1. Eligibility Determination

The Superintendent 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 available in the main office of each school building.
- b. Completed forms must be submitted to the Building Principal 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 Principal'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.

All financial records of these programs will be kept in a separate account which is audited annually.