

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning and that some families may be unable to provide breakfast and lunch for their children. In accordance with law, the district shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate free or reduced price meal for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate and encourage the participation of students from low-income families in the district's food service program.

(cf. 3551 – Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)

The Board shall approve, and shall submit to the California Department of Education for approval, a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students. (Education Code 49557)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that meals provided through the free and reduced-price meal program meet applicable state and/or federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

(cf. 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5030 – Student Wellness)

Upon approval of the Board, this plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval. (Education Code 49557)

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free or reduced price meal program shall be confidential except as provided by law. (Education Code 49558)

In accordance with law, the Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced price meal program for the purpose of: (Education Code 49558)

1. Desegregation of academic achievement data
2. Identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services in any school identified for program improvement

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

Board Policy 3553(b)

(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines Medi-Cal program eligibility, provided that the student is approved for free meals and the parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information as provided by Education Code 49557.2.

(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notice at beginning of term

49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs

49500-49505 School meals

49510-49520 Nutrition

49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act of 1974

49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition service

49550-49560 Meals for needy students

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15510 Mandatory meals for needy students

15530-15535 Nutrition education

15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act

6301-6514 Title I programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769 National lunch programs

1771-1791 Child nutrition

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

245.1-245.13 Determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals

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