

FREE OR REDUCED COST MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled and attending school in the school district, who are unable to afford the cost or a portion of the cost of the school lunch, breakfast and supplemental foods, will be provided the school food program services at no cost or at a reduced cost.

It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Food Services to determine if a student qualifies for free or reduced cost school food services in accordance with guidelines set by the National School Lunch program. Decisions on eligibility may be appealed to the Chief Financial Officer.

Students, whom the principal believes are improperly nourished, will not be denied the school food program services simply because the paperwork has not been completed.

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 the Director of Food Services. These criteria and procedures are established at the state and federal level.

Student who participate in free or reduced priced 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 members as needed to make the special arrangements for them.

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 *et seq.* (2012).
7 C.F.R. Pt. 210 *et seq.* (2012).
Iowa Code ch. 283A (2013).
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