

Free and Reduced-Price Meals

The School recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

The School shall provide eligible needy students with breakfast and/or lunch at a reduced rate or no charge to the student. Children eligible for free and reduced-price meals shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program and National School Lunch Act. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the State Department of Education.

The Board designates the Principal or his/her designee as the responsible party to determine the eligibility of students for free and reduced rate meals. Eligibility determinations may be appealed to the Principal or his/her designee at a formal hearing held pursuant to any applicable federal and state hearing procedures.

The School shall not overtly identify children receiving free and reduced price meals. No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to physical segregation or other discrimination under any program or activity for which the School receives federal financial assistance for food and nutrition services on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, or income.

The School shall annually notify all interested persons of the availability, eligibility requirements, and application procedure for free and reduced rate meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the School.

The Principal or his/her designee shall prepare and implement the necessary arrangements and guidelines to ensure proper operation of this program. She/he shall ensure that the appropriate policy attachments for Free and Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk are properly completed and submitted for approval to the School Food Service Division of the Ohio Department of Education by the beginning of each School year.

42 USC 1751; 7 C.F.R. 245.