

Operational Services

Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

Notice

The Director shall be responsible for implementing the Joint Agreement’s free and reduced-price food services policy and all applicable programs.

If State funding is available for the Healthy School Meals for All Program, the Board will annually determine if it will participate in the program.

Eligibility Criteria and Selection of Children

A student’s eligibility for free and reduced-price food services shall be determined by the income eligibility guidelines, family-size income standards, set annually by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and distributed by the Illinois State Council of Education. From time to time, the income eligibility guidelines and standards may not be necessary when reimbursements for students’ free breakfasts and lunches are claimed through the U.S. Depts. of Agriculture and Education’s Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). When claiming the CEP, the District will follow its requirements.

Notification

Notification and publicity requirements for the free and reduced-price food services will be the responsibility of the student’s resident school district.

Nondiscrimination Assurance

The Joint Agreement shall avoid publicly identifying students receiving free or reduced-price meals and shall use methods for collecting meal payments that prevent identification of children receiving assistance.

Appeal

Appeals should be made to the student’s resident school district.

LEGAL REF.: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, National School Lunch Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 210.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools, 7 C.F.R. Part 245.

105 ILCS 125/ (School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act) and 126/ (Childhood Hunger Relief Act).

23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.10 et seq.

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