

Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Since schools in the District participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and/or the Donated Food Program, federal and state policies and regulations must be followed.

DEFINITION

For purposes of this administrative procedure, “authorized school official” means school personnel as designated in the National School Lunch program application and agreement with the Kentucky Department of Education who are authorized by applicable law and regulation to process information or act in connection with the matter described.

STUDENTS

To implement required policies and regulations, these procedures will be followed for student participants:

1. Free and reduced-price meals will be granted on the basis of need as determined by state and federal guidelines.
2. Letters explaining the School Food Service Program shall be sent to all parents each year at the opening of school and as needed throughout the year. If applicable, an application form for free and reduced-price meals will accompany the letter. Applications will be kept on file through the current fiscal year and the three (3) years that follow or through the completion of any unresolved audit issues, whichever is longer.
3. If school personnel have knowledge of a student who is in need of free or reduced-price meals but does not have the parents’ cooperation to submit an application, an application shall be submitted in the student’s name by an authorized school official.

The parents shall be notified that the child has been certified eligible to receive free/reduced price meals.

4. After reviewing the application for free and reduced-price meals, the eligibility of each student shall be determined by an authorized school official.
5. Written notification of approval or denial of the application shall be provided to the parents.
6. If the parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the above decision regarding free and reduced-price meals, an appeal may be made to an authorized school official.
7. A master list/roster to track student withdrawals, transfers, and entries shall be maintained by the Superintendent or designee.

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ADULTS

All school personnel regularly assigned to a school may have access to meals served in the School Food Service Program. The cost of the meal shall be determined by the Board. Charges for adult meals shall be as follows:

1. Those adults who are assigned to work full or part-time in the School Food Service Program and whose salaries are paid entirely from food service funds may receive meals at no cost.
2. All other District employees who do not provide a service in the operation and administration of the School Food Service Program and all other adults shall pay the full adult meal price.

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