

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to the development, health, and learning of all students. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate and encourage the participation of students from low-income families in the district's food service program.

The district shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate meal each school day, free of charge or at a reduced price, for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria.

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

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.

CONFIDENTIALITY/RELEASE OF RECORDS

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program shall be confidential and may not be released except as provided by law and authorized by the Board or pursuant to a court order.

1. The Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals program for the following purposes:
Disaggregation of academic achievement data.
2. Identification of students eligible for alternative supports in any school identified as a Title I program improvement school.

If a student transfers from the district to another district, charter school, county office of education program, or private school, the Superintendent or designee may share the student's meal eligibility information to the other educational agency to assist in the continuation of the student's meal benefits.

The Superintendent or designee may release the name and eligibility status of a student participating in the free or reduced-price meal program to another school district, charter school, or county office of education that is serving a student living in the same household for purposes related to program eligibility and data used in local control funding formula calculations.

The Superintendent or designee may release the name and eligibility status of a student participating in the free or reduced-price meal program to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for purposes of determining allocations under the local control funding formula and for assessing accountability of that funding.

The Superintendent or designee may release information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines eligibility for participation in the Medi-Cal program if the student has been approved for free meals or, if included in the agreement with the local agency, for reduced-price meals. He/she also may release information on the school lunch application to the local agency that determines

eligibility for CalFresh or another nutrition assistance program authorized under 7 CFR 210.1 if the student has been approved for free or reduced-price meals. Information may be released for these purposes only if the student's parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information and the district has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the local agency which, at a minimum, includes the roles and responsibilities of the district and local agency and the process for sharing the information. After sharing information with the local agency for purposes of determining eligibility for that program, no further information shall be shared unless otherwise authorized by law.

LEGAL REFERENCE:**EDUCATION CODE**

48980	Notice at beginning of term
49430-49434	Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
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
49550-49562	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

1751-1769j	School lunch program
1771-1791	Child nutrition, especially:
1773	School breakfast program

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31	National School Lunch Program
220.10-220.21	National School Breakfast Program
245.1-245.13	Determination of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

14005.41	Basic health care
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