

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.

~~Each school day, the district shall provide, free of charge, a nutritionally adequate breakfast and lunch for any who requests a meal. (Education Code 49501.5) 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.~~

~~To provide optimal nutrition and ensure that schools receive maximum federal meal reimbursement and reduce the administrative burden of food service operations, the Superintendent or designee shall assess the eligibility of district schools to operate a federal universal meal service provision, such as Provision 2 or the Community Eligibility Provision, pursuant to 42 USC 1759a. The Superintendent or designee shall submit an application to operate a federal universal meal provision to the California Department of Education (CDE) on behalf of any district school that meets the definition of a "high poverty school." (Education Code 49564.3)~~

~~provide breakfast and/or lunch free of charge to all students at the school under a federally funded universal meal service provision, such as Provision 2 or the Community Eligibility Provision, pursuant to 42 USC 1759a.~~

~~If any district school meets the criteria for a "very high poverty school" through its eligibility for the federal Community Eligibility Provision reimbursement rate pursuant to 42 USC 1759a, the district shall apply to the California Department of Education (CDE) to operate a universal meal service, unless the Board adopts a resolution stating that the district is unable to comply with this requirement due to fiscal hardship. The resolution shall be part of the public agenda for at least two consecutive Board meetings, first as an information item and then as an action item. The Board shall reconsider the resolution at least once every four years. (Education Code 49564; 42 USC 1759a)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all meals ~~provided through~~ **served** under the **school nutrition program meet** free and reduced price meal program meet applicable state and/or federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board policy and administrative regulation.

~~Schools participating in the Special Milk Program pursuant to 42 USC 1772 shall provide milk at no charge to students who meet federal eligibility criteria for free or reduced price meals.~~

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. **and that meets other requirements specified in Education Code 49557.**

Confidentiality/Release of Records

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free or reduced price meal program shall be confidential and may not be ~~disclosed~~ **released** except as provided by law and authorized by the Board or pursuant to a court order. (Education Code 49558)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 *Notice at beginning of term*

49430-49436 *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*

49550-49561 *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

1751-1769h *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 price meals*