

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

The Governing Board recognizes that some families may be unable to provide breakfast and lunch for their children and that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning. In accordance with law, the district shall provide free and reduced price meals for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval a plan which ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students or easily identified by their peers.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Upon approval of the Board, this plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval. (Education Code 49557)

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free or reduced price meal program shall be confidential except as provided by law. (Ed. Code 49558)

The Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced price meal program for the purpose of disaggregation of academic achievement data in accordance with federal and state law and regulation.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 6162.51 - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines Medi-Cal program eligibility, provided that the student is approved for free meals and the parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information as provided by Education Code 49557.2.
(cf. 5141.6 – Student Health and Social Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 48980 Notice at beginning of term
- 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
49550-49560 Meals for needy students

Business and Noninstructional Operations

BP 3553 (b)

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS (CONTINUED)

Legal Reference:

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

1751-1769 National lunch programs

1771-1791 Child nutrition, especially:

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

245.1-245.13 Determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals

Management Resources:

CDE LEGAL ADVISORIES

0325.98 Education Code Section 49558 LO: 1-98

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Healthy Food Policy Resource Guide, 2003

USDA PUBLICATIONS

Team Nutrition, Food and Nutrition Services, Changing the Scene, Improving the School Nutrition Environment: A Guide to Local Action, 2000

Websites:

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CDE, Nutrition Services Division/SHAPE California: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/nsd>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture: <http://www.nal.usda.gov>

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