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8531 - **FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS**

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

The Board shall provide needy children with breakfast, as authorized, and lunch at a reduced rate or no charge to the student.

Children, eligible for free or reduced-price meals, shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program and National School Lunch Act. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the State Department of Education.

The Board designates the Food Service Supervisor to determine in accordance with Board standards, the eligibility of students for free and reduced-price meals.

The schools shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and application procedure for free and reduced-price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school.

The Board shall provide a Federal food service program for students during summer intervention programs that are mandated under Federal law. If the Board determines that it is unable to provide a Federal food service program during the summer, for financial reasons, the Board will communicate that decision to its residents in a manner it determines to be appropriate.

The Superintendent shall prepare and implement the necessary arrangements and guidelines to ensure proper operation of this program. S/He shall ensure that the appropriate policy attachments for Free and Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk are properly completed and submitted for approval to the School Food Service Division of the State Department of Education by the beginning of each school year.

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Legal	R.C. 3313.81, 3313.812-814
	42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.
	42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.