

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

The District participates in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, After School Snack, Programs. As a participant in these programs:

1. The District shall adhere to program requirements as outlined in state and federal law, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) regulations and policies, and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) directives and guidance relating to USDA Child Nutrition Programs.
2. The District prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or reprisal/retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program/activity conducted or funded by USDA.
3. The Board has established a discrimination complaint procedure to resolve civil rights complaints by individuals that believe they have been subjected to discrimination in any of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs that are offered through the District (ACEB-BR1).
4. The Board designates the Business Manager as the Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Coordinator. The Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Coordinator shall oversee and respond to discrimination complaints in any of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs that are offered through the District.
5. The Board shall designate the Business Manager as the district's Authorized Representative to administer the Child Nutrition Programs that are offered through the District. The Authorized Representative shall submit the required policy statement(s) and agreement(s) to DPI for approval as part of the application process, and ensure that the requirements of the policy statement(s) and program agreement(s) are met, and that local program operations are effective. This individual shall obtain the policy statement(s), agreement(s) and additional program materials from DPI.
6. The Board shall designate the Registrar as the individual responsible for reviewing applications and making determinations of eligibility for purposes of claiming free and reduced priced meals.
7. The Board shall annually set reduced-price charges for lunch, breakfast and after school snacks at or below the maximum reduced-price allowed by federal regulations and below the full price of the lunch or breakfast.
8. The District shall comply with established eligibility hearing procedures for free and reduced-price lunch or free milk delineated in the district's Free and Reduced-Price Meals Policy Statement and regulation ACEB-BR2.
9. The Board shall designate the Superintendent/Board President as the district's Child Nutrition Hearing Official. The individual must be someone not involved in the original eligibility determination. It is suggested that this individual hold a position superior to that of the determining eligibility official.
10. The District shall comply with training requirements in state and federal law for all employees who work with the Child Nutrition Programs.

**RECOMMENDED**

Descriptor Code: ABEB

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Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy
- ABEA, Wellness Policy
- ABEB-BR1, Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Procedure
- ABEB-BR2, Free & Reduced Priced Meal Eligibility Appeals Procedure
- ABEB-E1, Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Form
- ABEB-E2, Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Log

**End of Warwick School District #29 Policy ABEB ..... Adopted: 11/23/21**