

Business and Noninstructional Operations

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

National School Lunch Program regulations require that lunches be provided for needy students when family income is insufficient to provide the basic necessities, including food of the proper quality and amount for good nutrition.

Eligibility for free or reduced price meals shall be based on federal regulations as provided by the State Department of Education.

Parents/guardians shall be informed of the district policy concerning free or reduced price meals. A letter and application form shall be distributed to all parents/guardians during the first few weeks of school. The letter shall contain information on eligibility standards, application procedures and appeal procedures. This information and an application form shall be provided whenever a new student is enrolled.

Applications for free or reduced price meal programs shall be available to students at all times during the regular school day. (Education Code 49557)

(cf. 5145.6 - Notification Required by Law)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49490-49493 School breakfast and lunch Programs
49500-49504 School meals for pupils (needy pupils)
49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act of 1974
49550-49556 Mandatory school district and county superintendent of schools meals for needy pupils in kindergarten and grades 1-2
49557 Free or reduced price meals
49558 Records

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15510 et seq. Mandatory meals for needy pupils
15530 et seq. Nutrition education
15550 et seq. School lunch and breakfast programs

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