

Global Education Collaborative

BOARD POLICY

- TITLE:** Global Education Collaborative's (GEC) Pupil Meals: Policy and Procedures
- DATE:** Adopted by GEC Board on December 6, 2019
- PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide policy and provisions related to Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017 and USDA Meal Charge Policy Requirements
- POLICY:** PUPIL MEALS

I. BACKGROUND

The Board of Directors of Global Education Collaborative, shall adopt a policy that is in compliance with SB 265 amended Section 49557.5(b)(1) of the California Education Code (EC) which states that a pupil whose parent or guardian has unpaid meal charges is not be shamed, treated differently, or denied a reimbursable meal of the pupil's choice because of the fact that the pupil's parent or guardian has unpaid meal fees, and shall ensure that the pupil is not shamed or treated differently than other pupils.

II. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Board of Global Education Collaborative and its schools: GEA and GEA 2 will attempt to directly certify the student for free or reduced-price (F/RP) meals. If the school cannot directly certify the student-or find their names on a homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or Head Start list from the liaison, or the foster list available on CALPADS-then the schools shall provide the household with a paper or electronic application. The school shall not mandate that a household complete and return the application.

The Board of Directors of Global Education Collaborative affirms that pupils may receive breakfast and lunch at no cost to them if they are categorically eligible for free or reduced meals or if they qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on federal poverty guidelines.

GEA and GEA 2 may not take any action directed at a pupil to collect unpaid meal debt, but must direct these efforts to the parent or guardian of the child. GEA and GEA 2 cannot use a debt collector, as defined in Section 803 of the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692a), which conflicts with USDA guidance.

School personnel and volunteers cannot deny or delay students from receiving meals based on any disciplinary action.

The Board of Directors, shall monitor the implementation of this policy by observation of the meal program. GEA and GEA 2 shall, upon request, provide a copy of the School Nutrition Program Review (SNP). All employees working with the SNP shall receive instructions and ongoing training from the Principal regarding the immediate implementation of this policy.

GEA and GEA 2 shall provide a letter of notice to parents or guardian regarding the provisions of SB 250 and SB 265, no later than January 9, 2020.