Policies of the Board of Education

Section G Support Services

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES 700.34

The district shall take part as feasible in the National School Lunch and other food programs which may become available to that all children in the district receive assure nourishment. In accordance with the quidelines participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the School Board, the district policy, in conformance with federal regulations, shall include the following:

Eliqibility Criteria and Selection of Children

In selecting children to receive free and reduced price meals, consideration will be given to children from families (a) with income below that established yearly by the state; (b) eligible to receive any form of public assistance or certified to participate in the government donated commodities or food stamp programs.

In making individual determinations and in providing the free or reduced price meals, every effort shall be made to avoid overt identification to their peers of children receiving such meals. No child shall be required to work for a free or reduced price lunch.

Application forms shall be available to parents or guardians of children who may request free or reduced price meals, and a file of applications and/or authorizations shall be maintained.

The Principal shall maintain a system of collecting payments from paying children and accounting for free and reduced price meals in a manner which will protect the anonymity of children receiving free or reduced price meals.

Any appeal from the decision of the approving officer(s) shall be referred to the District Administrator or his/her designee.