

Free and Reduced Price Meals

8531.00

The School District of Monticello shall take part as feasible in the National School Lunch and other food programs which may become available to assure that all children in the district receive proper nourishment. In accordance with the guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, no child who a teacher believes is improperly nourished shall be denied a free lunch or other food simply because proper application has not been received from his/her parent or guardian. District policy, in conformance with federal regulations, shall include the following:

1. Eligibility 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
- c. Unable to pay the full price in the judgment of officials designated to determine eligibility

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

Application forms shall be provided to all parents or guardians of children in the District, along with the required annual notice at the beginning of the school year. This information will also be presented to all families transferring into the school district throughout the year. A file of applications and/or authorizations shall be maintained by the food service secretary.

The District Administrator or his/her designee 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.

2. Appeal

Any appeal from the decision of the approving officer(s) shall be referred to the Board President or his/her designee to act as the hearing officer.

3. Nondiscrimination Statement

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Legal References: Sections 115.34 Wisconsin Statutes
118.125
120.10 (16)
120.13(6), (10)
PL 91-248
PL 94-105
PL 111-2010, Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Cross References: 8500.00, Food Service Management
8531.01, Unpaid Student Meal Charges

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