

## 8520 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL SERVICES

The Board of Education recognizes that the nutrition of district students is an important factor in their educational progress. The Board therefore shall participate in federally funded school lunch programs, and shall provide free and reduce price meal services to qualified district students.

The Board of Education has entered into an agreement with the New York State Education Department to participate in the National School Lunch Programs and to receive commodities donated by the Department of Agriculture and to accept responsibility for provided free and reduced priced lunches to pupils in the school district.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall have the responsibility to carry out the rules and regulations of the School Lunch Program. The determination of which pupils are eligible is the responsibility of the Superintendent or his/her designee. If there is an appeal, it should be submitted to the Superintendent.

### Availability, Application & Notification

Notice of the availability of the free and reduced price meal programs will be posted on the District website and as local employment situations dictate the district will relay said information to the appropriate unemployment agencies. Any child who is a member of a family unit whose income is below the federally established scale shall be eligible to receive such services.

Applications will be kept confidential.

In addition, in order to reach students who are categorically eligible for free and reduced price meals and to comply with state law, three times per year the Business Official will review the list made available by the State Education Department of children ages three to 18 who are in households receiving federal food assistance, Medicaid benefits (for certain recipients), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to identify students within the district. The district will send a notice to those families apprising them of their student's eligibility to participate in the school meal programs without further application. Parents may decline participation by informing the district in writing. If the service is declined, the student will be removed from the eligibility list.

### Ref:

National School Lunch Act of 1946, as amended ([42 U.S.C. §§1751-1760](#))

Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, ([42 USC §§1771 et seq.](#))

[7 CFR Part 245](#) ([245.2](#), Definitions; [245.5](#), public announcement; [245.6](#), categorical eligibility and direct certification/certification/verification.)

[Social Services Law §95](#)(7)

U.S. Dept. of Education guidance document, *The Community Eligibility Provision and Selected Requirements Under Title I, January 2014*, [www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/13-0381guidance.doc](http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/13-0381guidance.doc).

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