

FREE AND REDUCED-COST FOOD SERVICES

School officials will determine student eligibility based on guidelines established under the national school lunch program and state and federal law. Eligible students will be provided nutritionally acceptable meals, snacks and milk free or at a reduced cost if state and federal resources for school food programs are available. The superintendent or designee may establish rules and procedures as needed to accomplish this goal.

The criteria for determining a student's need and the procedures for securing free and reduced-cost lunches for the student will be outlined and published each year by the district. The criteria and procedures are established at the state and federal level.

The district will establish a school breakfast program or will adopt a resolution requesting a waiver excusing the district from this requirement, in accordance with law. The resolution, if adopted, will be filed with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The students who participate in the free or reduced-cost meals program will not be overtly identified, distinguished or served differently than other students and will have the same choice of meals or milk as other students. The district may charge all students for à la carte menu items. The names of students receiving free and reduced-cost meals will be kept confidential and will only be released to district personnel or persons administering the district's program on a need-to-know basis, in accordance with law.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: JO, Student Records
KB, Public Information Program

Legal Refs: §§ 167.201, .211, RSMo.
42 USC § 1751 et seq.
7 CFR Part 210-250
5 CSR 30-680.010, .020, .030, .050, .060, .070

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