

10.14 FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The Franklin Local School District shall take part, as feasible, in the National School Lunch Program 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, no eligible child shall be denied a free lunch. District policy, in conformance with federal regulations, shall include the following:

Eligibility Criteria and Selection of Children

If the District participates in the state breakfast program pursuant to R.C. 3313.813, it shall provide a breakfast free of charge to each student who is eligible under federal requirements for a reduced price breakfast.

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 public assistance or certified to participate in the government donated commodities or food stamp programs; and/or
- 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 their peers of children receiving such meals. No child shall be required to work for a free or reduced price lunch.

Building principals shall determine the individual children who are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the established criteria. All applications shall be reviewed by the principal and corroborative evidence sought, where necessary.

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.

Each cafeteria 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.

Appeal

Any appeal from the decision of the principal shall be referred to the Superintendent.

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