

Policy 701.04: Free or Reduced-Cost Meals Eligibility

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Students enrolled and attending school in the District, who meet USDA eligibility guidelines will be provided the school nutrition program services at no cost or at a reduced cost. The District will make reasonable efforts to prevent overt identification of students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

The District shall notify all families of the availability, eligibility criteria, and application procedures for free or reduced price meals in accordance with the state and federal law. This notification shall occur at least twice annually.

It shall be the responsibility of the central administrative office to determine if a student qualifies for free or reduced cost school nutrition services, in accordance with criteria established by state or federal law. School personnel may contact the central administrative office if they have knowledge of a student who is in need of meal assistance, and the central administrative staff shall assist the family with either the application process for free and reduced priced meals or consideration for use of funds donated to the District for individual student meal costs.

Employees, students who do not qualify for the free and reduced eligibility status, and others will be required to pay for meals consumed.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.
