

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE LUNCH POLICY

In accordance with federal regulations, the school district shall make families aware of the availability of free and reduced price meals. The district may request that a household submit an application meal form. Parents will be informed as to the use of the National School Lunch Program approved application regardless of parent consent. It is not required that benefit forms be completed by parents.

Approved applications are not included in the students' education records as evidenced in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Any information that is not specifically permitted by the National School Lunch Act, or for programs not specified in the NSLA requires parent/guardian consent prior to the disclosure. If custody is shared, the parents or guardians must decide who has primary custody for purposes of making application to the program. The parent or guardian having such custody is the only person who can give written consent to disclose program eligibility information.

The release of free and reduced price meal application information will be kept in a file for three years plus the current year.

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