FINANCIAL SERVICES

Food Services

Free and Reduced-Price Meals

This policy supersedes Policy 5002.3.

I. PURPOSE

To provide free or reduced-price meals to eligible students under Public Law 108-265, and the revised regulations of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- The Rationale section was retitled to Philosophy.
- The Contents of Uniform Policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals section was retitled Responsibilities.
- Legal references were updated.

III. ~~RATIONALE~~ PHILOSOPHY

Provision of a free and reduced-price meal program is a requirement for participation in the federally funded school lunch program under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. The Fairfax County School Board believes every school-age child should have an adequate lunch and breakfast, and especially endorses extending the opportunity to participate in the school food services programs to those with more limited economic means.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Division Superintendent shall maintain regulations to outline the procedures for each of the items listed below in accordance with state and federal regulations for State Department of Education approval.

A. Criteria to Be Used in Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

B. Official Designated to Determine Eligibility

C. Procedures to Be Used in Accepting Applications

D. Procedures to Be Used in Processing Applications

E. Hearing Procedure for Appeals

F. Procedures for Challenging Continued Eligibility

G. Procedures for Collecting Payments

H. Assurance of Nondiscrimination Practices

I. Public Announcement

J. Assurance of Uniform Implementation

Legal References:
Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Public Law 108-265
Code of Virginia § § 22.1-79.7:1

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