



Boulder Valley School District

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FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The following criteria have been established for use in determining eligible patrons for free and reduced-price meals:

1. Each school will designate an official to determine which individual children are eligible for a free or reduced price meal.
2. The District will provide forms to parents or guardians on which an application for consideration of eligibility of their children for reduced-price or free lunches can be made. This application form and its content are considered part of this policy.
3. The District will provide a free lunch to the children upon receipt of the application and will continue to do so until the determination is made as to whether the children qualify for a reduced-price or a free lunch.
4. If the application is denied, the parents or guardians may appeal this decision to the Director of Food Services and a hearing will be conducted under the hearing procedure prescribed in section 9 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended. Prior to the hearing the child will continue to receive a reduced or free lunch.
5. The District will abide by the national minimum poverty guidelines as issued by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and other criteria for eligibility as required.
6. The District will notify the parents at the beginning of the school year of the availability of the reduced-price or free lunch. This will be a notice sent home with children or a letter mailed to the children's home. This notice is considered part of this policy.
7. The District will provide a release to all informational media in the area at the same time the notice is sent to the home.
8. Children receiving reduced-price meals will not be required, as a condition of receiving such meals: to use a separate lunchroom or section of the lunchroom; to go through a separate serving line; to enter the lunchroom through a different entrance; to work for their meals; to use a different medium of exchange; to eat lunch at a different time from paying children; and the names will not be made public but shall be confidential information.

In order to protect the anonymity of the children receiving the reduced-price or free meal, no other child in the school will consciously be made aware of the identity of the children receiving free or reduced price meals.

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