

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

OPERATIONS

FREE AND REDUCED RATE MEALS

The Board recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each pupil's educational performance. At the direction of the Board, the District shall participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP), providing qualified children with lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge.

When participating in the NSLP and/or NSBP, students who meet Federal Eligibility guidelines are eligible for free or reduced rate meals. The Board designates the School Nutrition Program Supervisor to administer, in accordance with Federal Regulations and Guidelines, the eligibility of Students for free and reduced rate meals.

The schools shall annually notify all student households of the availability, eligibility information, and application procedure for free and reduced rate meals by annually distributing a Free and Reduced Price Family Meal Application and letter to parents to the household of each pupil enrolled in the school.

Free and Reduced Price Family Meal Applications shall be distributed to all student households as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the first full week of school. Applications shall also be distributed upon new student registration. Additionally, an application shall be made available to any individual who requests one. Meal Applications may be submitted for determination of eligibility at any time during the school year. A decision on eligibility shall be rendered within ten (10) days after each such application has been received by the School Nutrition Program Office. Households shall be notified of eligibility according to Federal Regulations. Households may appeal eligibility decisions to the DCSD Hearing Official as designated on the District's Local Agency Agreement with the Nevada Department of Education. Each eligibility notification shall carry notice of the applicant's right to appeal and the procedures by which he may do so.

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