

Salinas City Elementary School District

Business

Policy #3553

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Mandated Policy

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning and that some families may be unable to provide breakfast and lunch for their children. In accordance with law, the district shall provide nutritionally adequate free and reduced price meals for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria and participate in the free and reduced price meals program.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students or easily identified by their peers.

Upon approval of the Board, this plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval. (Education Code 49557)

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free or reduced price meal program shall be confidential except as provided by law. (Education Code 49558)

In accordance with law, the Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced price meal program for the purpose of: (Education Code 49558)

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data
2. Identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services in any school identified for program improvement

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines Medi-Cal program eligibility, provided that the student is approved for free meals and the parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information as provided by Education Code 49557.2.

Reference: EC: 48980, 49490-49494, 49500-49505 , 49510-49520 , Board Approved: May 22, 2006
49530-49536, 49547-49548.3, 49550-49560; CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 15510, 15530-15535, 15550-15565 ; UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20 1232g , 6301-6514; UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42; 1751-1769, 1771-1791, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7 245.1-245.13 ; WEB SITES CDE:
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