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557 USE OF HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL MEALS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to notify parents and school districts of the procedures Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative will follow when requesting and using the Application for Educational Benefits for students this agency serves directly. This application is completed by parents and the confidential information is used to determine eligibility for state and federally funded free and reduced school meals. The Cooperative will be requesting this information for certain students from designated Cooperative programs.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

This agency shall follow the policies and procedures for the school meals programs as outlined by each individual school district wherein designated Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative programs are located. These district procedures shall comply with the USDA programs and Food and Nutrition Service eligibility guidelines.

In addition, Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative will notify designated parents in writing at the time of their application in the district or the residential program of the Cooperative's use of the family and student eligibility information. The reason for use will likely be to qualify for certain education funds. Parents shall be informed that a copy of the completed application will be kept on file at the Cooperative Central Office and that this agency will report the data along with the school district on the State computer system (MARSS) as required by state law. Only Cooperative staff who are associated with this specific data collection and entry shall view the confidential family and student information.

Legal References:

Cross References: