

<b>5660</b>	<b>Food Service Program</b>
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### **School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)**

The Board has entered into an agreement with the New York State Education Department to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and/or Special Milk Program to receive commodities donated by the Department of Agriculture and to accept responsibility for providing free and reduced price meals to elementary and secondary students in the schools of the District.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall have the responsibility to carry out the rules of the School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. The determination of which students are eligible is the responsibility of the Reviewing Official and Verification Official or the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance of the Department of Social Services. Appeals regarding eligibility should be submitted to the Hearing Official of the District.

Free or reduced price meals may be allowed for qualifying students attending District schools upon receipt of a written application from the student's parent or guardian or a "Direct Certification" letter from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). Applications will be provided by the School District to all families.

School officials must also determine eligibility for free/reduced meals and milk by using the Direct Certification Matching Process, a dataset supplied by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and made available by the State Education Department. Any student receiving federal assistance through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is automatically eligible for free meals and milk. There is no need for families to complete further applications. School Districts shall notify parents or guardians of such eligibility, giving them the opportunity to decline free meals and milk if they so choose.

Procedures for the administration of the free and reduced price meal program of this School District will be the same as those prescribed in current state and federal laws and regulations.

*Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, PL 108-265*

*Child Nutrition Act 1966, 42 USC Section 1771 et seq.*

*Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act 1946, 42 USC Section 1751 et seq.*

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC Section 794 et seq.*

*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC Sections 1400-1485*

*7 CFR Parts 15B, 210 and 220*

*Education Law Sections 902(b), 915, 918, 1604(28), 1709(22), 1709(23) and 2503(9)(a)*

*8 NYCRR Sections 200.2(b)(1) and 200.2(b)(2)*

*Social Services Law Section 95*

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