

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

FOOD SERVICE: FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Participation in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program are herewith authorized. Authorization is granted to the Superintendent to act on the behalf of the Board for purposes of participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Free meals will be served to children from families whose income falls within the current criteria established by the Secretary of Agriculture under the Federal Lunch Program for free lunches.

The District shall establish an appeals process under which a parent/guardian may appeal a decision regarding his/her initial application for benefits, or any subsequent reduction or termination of benefits.

The school shall not physically segregate or discriminate against any child because of his/her inability to pay for a meal. The names of children eligible to receive free meals shall not be published, posted or announced in any manner; and there shall be no overt identification of any such children by use of special tokens or tickets or by any other means.

The District shall ensure that, in the operation of the free and reduced priced meal program, no student shall be discriminated against because of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, gender identity or expression, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or disability, or any other basis prohibited by law, in its implementation of such a program.

The District's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program shall operate to meet dietary specifications in accordance with the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 and applicable state laws and regulations.

Parents who are outside of the state or out of their area code can call toll-free for information regarding the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (free and reduced price meals) by going to their local school and calling the Salem School District, Central Office from that location at 860-892-1223.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes: 10-215 Lunches, breakfasts and other feeding programs for public school children and employees; 10-215b Duties of State Board of Education re feeding programs; 10-216 Payment of expenses; State Board of Education Regulations: 10-215b-1 School lunch and nutrition programs. Title VII, Civil Rights Act, 42 USC 2000e, et seq. as amended by Title IX, Equal Employment Opportunity Act; 42 USC Sec. 1758, 7 CFR Part 145, Sec 245.5, 245.6, 245.7, 210.9, 210.20; USDA Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual; USDA, FNS Instruction 765-7 Rev. 2: Handling Lost, Stolen and Misused Meal Tickets; Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, 42 USC 1751 §203, §205.

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