Child Nutrition Programs

The District participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. As a participant in these programs:

1. The District shall adhere to program requirements as outlined in state and federal law, the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) regulations and policies, and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) directives and guidance relating to USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

2. The District prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or reprisal/retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program/activity conducted or funded by USDA. Any person having inquiries concerning the school's compliance with the regulations in the Child Nutrition Program is directed to contact the Human Resource Director who has been designated by the school to coordinate efforts to comply with the regulations regarding nondiscrimination. The office address and telephone number of our coordinator are as follows: 128 Soo Line Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, telephone number is (701) 323-4071.

   The complainant may file a complaint at any time before or after the compliant procedure with:
   USDA, Director
   Office of Civil Rights
   1400 Independence Avenue SW
   Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
   (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TTY)

3. The Board shall designate the Child Nutrition Director as the District's Authorized Representative to administer the Child Nutrition Programs that are offered through the district. The Authorized Representative shall submit the required policy statement(s) and agreement(s) to DPI for approval as part of the application process, and ensure that the requirements of the policy statement(s) and program agreement(s) are met, and that local program operations are effective. This individual shall obtain the policy statement(s), agreement(s) and additional program materials from DPI.

4. The Board shall designate the Child Nutrition Director as the individual responsible for reviewing applications and making determinations of eligibility for purposes of claiming free and reduced priced meals.

5. The Board shall annually set reduced-price charges for lunch, breakfast and after school snacks at or below the maximum reduced-price allowed by federal regulations and below the full price of the lunch or breakfast.

6. The District shall comply with established eligibility appeal procedures for free and reduced-price lunch, delineated in the District's Free and Reduced-Price Meals Policy Statement and regulation ABEB-AR.

7. The Board shall designate the Business Manager as the District's Child Nutrition Appeals Official. The individual must be someone not involved in the original eligibility determination. It is suggested that this individual hold a position superior to that of the determining eligibility official.

8. The District shall comply with training requirements in state and federal law for all employees who work with the Child Nutrition Programs.

Complementary Documents

- AAC, Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment
- AAC-AR1, Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure
- ABCC, Wellness
- ABEB-AR, Free and Reduced Priced Meal Eligibility Appeals

End of Bismarck Public School District Policy ABEB

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