MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION 130 South Centre Street Merchantville, New Jersey 08109	File Code: 3542.31 Adopted: 8/23/88 Revised: 05/15/2023 Reviewed: 04/08/2024

Free or Reduced-Price Lunch / Milk

It is the policy of the board of education that this school district participate in any federal or state subsidized food program for the benefit of eligible pupils. Pupil eligibility shall be as determined by the guidelines of the subsidizing agency. The board requires that all regulations of the subsidizing agency be observed including especially those which preserve the privacy of eligible pupils.

The board hereby adopts as its own the free and reduced-price policy developed by the bureau of child nutrition programs pursuant to federal regulations.

Breakfast After the Bell

If seventy percent or more of the students enrolled in any school within the district on or before the last school day before October 16 of the preceding school year are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program or the Federal School Breakfast Program, the district shall establish a "Breakfast After the Bell" program for that school in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11.3

The school within the district may request a one-year waiver from their requirements to provide "Breakfast After the Bell" under certain circumstances set forth N.J.S.A. 18A:33-12.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:33-3	Cafeterias for pupils
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-4	School lunch; availability to all children
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-5	Exemptions
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-10	Establishment of school breakfast program in certain schools
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-11	Implementation of school breakfast program by district
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7.1 through -7.2	School lunch program ...
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.2	Policy and agreement for school nutrition programs
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.9	Review and evaluation