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Knox County Board of Education Policy

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Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are available at all schools daily operated under the regulations set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and the Tennessee Department of Education. Menus are written to meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes and regulations. Knox County Schools offers reimbursable school meals that meet USDA nutrition standards.

All students are eligible and encouraged to participate in the meal programs, but they are permitted to bring their meals from home and purchase beverages or other a la carte items at school if they so choose.

Applications for free and reduced-price meals are available online and at each school. Applications may be obtained at any time during the school year. Parents or legal guardians must complete the form. Applications are maintained at the Central Office and are kept confidential. Knox County Schools will not unlawfully discriminate against any individual because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, national origin, or veteran status. Eligibility shall be determined annually based on income guidelines provided by the federal and state regulated program.