

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

The Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District Board of School Trustees shall provide eligible children with lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge to the student. It also shall provide breakfast in accordance with provisions in I.C. 20-26-9-1 et seq.

In accordance with the criteria issued annually by the Federal government through the State Department of Education, the Board designates the Food Service Director to determine eligibility of students for free or reduced-priced meals.

Each year, the schools shall inform all families of the opportunity for free and reduced-price meals by providing an application with the eligibility criteria and instructions to the family of each student enrolled in the school. The schools shall search and apply for such Federal, State, and local funds as may be applied to the Corporation's program of free and reduced-price meals.

The Corporation shall comply with Federal and State law governing school meal programs, including specifically, but not exclusively, those governing the accounting and audit requirements of the Free and Reduced Lunch program. All employees who participate in the processing or auditing of such applications shall be trained in the program's requirements. The Corporation will protect the privacy of students receiving free or reduced price meals through good faith efforts such as maintenance of records as confidential and use of a cashless payment system.

The Superintendent shall establish the necessary administrative guidelines to ensure the program is conducted in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Department of Education.

I.C. 20-26-9-1 et seq.

I.C. 20-41-2-1 et seq.

42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.

42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

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