

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Food Services

Free and Reduced-Price Meals

This policy supersedes Policy 7202.

I. PURPOSE

To provide for free or reduced-price meals to be served to children determined to be eligible under Public Law 108-265 and the revised regulations of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

- A. The series and category have been corrected.
- B. Child Nutrition Acts has been changed to School Breakfast programs throughout the policy.
- C. The public law in section I. has been updated.

III. RATIONALE

Provision of a free and reduced-price meal program is a requirement for participation in the federally funded school lunch program under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs. The Fairfax County School Board believes every school-age child should have an adequate lunch and breakfast and especially endorses extending the opportunity to participate in the school food services programs to those with more limited economic means.

IV. CONTENTS OF UNIFORM POLICY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

The procedures for each of the items listed below shall be determined yearly in accordance with state and federal regulations for Virginia Department of Education approval and shall be issued as a regulation yearly prior to opening of a school year.

- A. Criteria to Be Used in Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals
- B. Official Designated to Determine Eligibility
- C. Procedures to Be Used in Accepting Applications
- D. Procedures to Be Used in Processing Applications

- E. Hearing Procedure for Appeals
- F. Procedures for Challenging Continued Eligibility
- G. Procedures for Collecting Payments
- H. Assurance of Nondiscrimination Practices
- I. Public Announcement
- J. Assurance of Uniform Implementation

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