

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS**Free and Reduced-price Meals**

The Governing Board recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to the development, health, and learning of all students. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate and encourage the participation of students from low-income families in the District's food service program. The District shall provide at least one nutritionally-adequate meal each school day, free of charge or at a reduced price, for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria. (Education Code Sections 49550 and 49552)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that meals provided through the free and reduced-price meal program meet applicable State and/or Federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board Policy, and administrative regulation.

The Board shall approve, and shall submit to the California Department of Education for approval, a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students. (Education Code Section 49557)

Confidentiality/Release of Records

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free and reduced-price meal program shall be confidential except as provided by law. (Education Code Section 49558)

Education Code Section 49558 authorizes the Governing Board to allow District employees to use the name and eligibility status of students participating in the free and reduced-price meal program for the purpose of disaggregation of academic achievement data. However, in accordance with federal guidelines, free and reduced-price meal records may be shared for this purpose only when it is in connection with either Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act or the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Education Code Section 49558 allows districts with schools in program improvement, pursuant to 20 USC 6316, to use this information to identify students eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services. Only the name and meal eligibility status of a student may be shared for this purpose. Information regarding a student's participation in the program (e.g., household size and income, the record of meals served to that student) is confidential.

Districts wishing to use free and reduced-price meal records for these purposes are mandated to adopt a policy authorizing employee access. See the accompanying Administrative Regulation for additional requirements applicable to districts that authorize such access.

The Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced-price meal program for the purposes of: (Education Code Section 49558)

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data

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2. In any school identified for program improvement under Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act, identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental education services

Pursuant to Education Code Section 49558, the District may release information on the School Lunch program application to the local agency that determines eligibility under the Medi-Cal program under the conditions described in the Education Code.

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the School Lunch program applications to the local agency that determines Medi-Cal program eligibility, provided that the student is approved for free meals and the parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information as provided by Education Code Section 49557.2.

Reference:	Cf. 3551, Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund; cf. 5148, Child Care and Development; cf. 5148.2, Before/After School Programs; cf. 6177, Summer School; cf. 6300, Preschool/Early Childhood Education; cf. 3550, Food Service/Child Nutrition Program; cf. 5030, Student Wellness; cf. 0410, Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities; cf. 5145.3, Nondiscrimination/Harassment; cf. 0520.2, Title I Program Improvement Schools; cf. 5125, Student Records; cf. 6162.51, Standardized Testing and Reporting Program; cf. 6171, Title I Programs; cf. 5141.6, School Health Services
Legal Reference:	Education Code Sections: 48980, Notice at Beginning of Term; 49430-49436, Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001; 49490-49494, School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; 49500-49505, School Meals; 49510-49520, Nutrition; 49530-49536, Child Nutrition Act of 1974; 49547-49548.3, Comprehensive Nutrition Service; 49550-49561, Meals for Needy Students
Code of Regulations, Title 5:	15510, Mandatory Meals for Needy Students; 15530-15535, Nutrition Education; 15550-15565, School Lunch and Breakfast Programs
United States Code, Title 20:	1232g Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 6301-6514, Title I Programs
Title 42	1751-1769h School Lunch Program; 1771-1791, Child Nutrition, especially: 1773, School Breakfast program
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7	210.1-210.31, National School Lunch Program; 220.10-220.21, National School Breakfast program; 245.1-245.13, Determination of Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Free Milk
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