

**BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

**BP 3550 Free and Reduced Price Meals**

The Superintendent and County Board of Education recognize that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning and that some families may be unable to provide breakfast and lunch for their children. In accordance with law, the County Office of Education shall provide nutritionally adequate free and reduced price meals for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students or easily identified by their peers.

Upon approval of the Board, this plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval.

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free or reduced price meal program shall be confidential except as provided by law.

In accordance with law, the Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced price meal program for the purpose of:

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data
2. Identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services in any school identified for program improvement

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the school lunch program application 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 49557.2.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notice at beginning of term  
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  
49550-49560 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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769 National lunch programs  
1771-1791 Child nutrition

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

245.1-245.13 Determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals

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