

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

The Board of Education recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning. In accordance with law, the Office of Education shall provide free and reduced price meals for students enrolled in its schools whose families meet federal eligibility criteria.

The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall recommend for Board approval a plan which ensures that eligible students are not treated differently from other students or easily identified by their peers.

The Superintendent authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced price meal program for the purpose of disaggregation of academic achievement data in accordance with federal and state law and regulation. Individual records may also be released in any school identified as a Title I program improvement school pursuant to 20 USC 6316, identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental education services.

The Board of Education 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 in accordance with Education Code 49557.2.

In addition, information on the school lunch program application may be released to the local agency that determines eligibility for participation in the CalFresh program or other nutrition assistance program, provided the student whose information is to be released is approved for free or reduced-price meals and his/her parent/guardian consents to the sharing of the information. Prior to releasing information to any such local agency, the Superintendent or designee and the local agency shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that, at a minimum, shall include the roles and responsibilities of the Office of Education and the local agency, the process for sharing the information, and a statement that the local agency may use the information only for purposes directly related to the enrollment of families in the CalFresh or other nutritional assistance program.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**48980 Notice at beginning of term**49490-49493 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  
*210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program*  
*220.10-220.21 National School Breakfast Program*