

## **8531 - FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS**

The School Board recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

The Board shall provide needy children with lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge to the student. It shall also provide breakfast in accordance with provisions in I.C. 20-26-9-3,4,6.

Children, eligible for free or reduced-price meals, shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program.

The Board designates the Food Services Director to determine the eligibility of students for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with the criteria issued annually by the Federal government through the State Department of Education.

The schools shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and application procedure for free and reduced-price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school and shall seek out 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 Superintendent shall establish whatever administrative guidelines are necessary to ensure the program is conducted in accordance with guidelines established by the Indiana Department of Education.

I.C. 20-26-9-3,4,6  
42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.  
42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

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