

Cutten Elementary School District

Business and Non-Instructional Operation

BP 3553

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The 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. (Education Code 49550, 49552)

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.

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 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 49558)

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 49558)

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data.
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 educational services.

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⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

49500-49505 School meals⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP) 49510-49520 Nutrition⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act of 1974⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition service⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

49550-49561 Meals for needy students⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

15510 Mandatory meals for needy students⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

15530-15535 Nutrition education⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾_(SEP)

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20^(L)_(SEP)
1232g Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act^(L)_(SEP) 6301-6514 Title I programs^(L)_(SEP)
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42^(L)_(SEP)
1751-1769h School lunch program^(L)_(SEP)
1771-1791 Child nutrition, especially^(L)_(SEP)
1773 School breakfast program^(L)_(SEP)
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7^(L)_(SEP)
210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program^(L)_(SEP)
220.10-220.21 National School Breakfast Program^(L)_(SEP)
245.1-245.13 Determination of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk