

## **CHAPTER 10.00 – FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES**

### **10.03 - Free and Reduced Price Meals**

#### **POLICY:**

Free or reduced price meals shall be served to all students who are unable to pay the full price of meals and who qualify based on eligibility criteria approved by the School Board.

- (1) The income Eligibility Guidelines for free or reduced price meals shall be in accordance with the scales provided by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services based upon income guidelines prescribed by the United States Secretary of Agriculture.
- (2) Eligibility criteria shall be applicable to all District schools and shall provide that all students from a family meeting the eligibility criteria and attending any District school are offered the same benefits. The District shall prevent overt identification of children eligible for free, reduced price, and paid meals.
- (3) Procedures for implementing the free and reduced price meal services shall be reviewed annually and shall be in accordance with procedures and guidelines published by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the United States Department of Agriculture. Students approved for free meals cannot be denied a meal, even if they have a negative balance on their cafeteria purchases.
- (4) Annual data is submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Consumer services to maintain the Community Eligibility Provision in our district. [7 CFR 245.9(f)(5)(i)-(iii)] Breakfast and lunch are provided to all students at no charge. The District shall provide a written copy of the policy to all households and transfer households.

#### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

1001.42, 1001.43 F.S.

#### **LAWS IMPLEMENTED:**

1006.06, 570.98, 570.981, F.S.

#### **STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMSUMER SERVICES RULE(S):**

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