

Policy 3553: Free And Reduced Price Meals

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The Governing Board recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to the development, health **and well-being**, and learning of all students. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate and encourage the participation of **all** students from low-income families in the district's food service program.

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~~Each school day, the district shall provide at least one, free of charge, a nutritionally adequate meal each school day, free of charge or at a reduced price, breakfast and lunch for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria: any student who requests a meal. (Education Code 49550, 49552)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that meals provided through the free and reduced-price meals **49501.5)**~~

~~To provide optimal nutrition and ensure that schools receive maximum federal meal reimbursement, the Superintendent or designee shall assess the eligibility of district schools to operate a federal universal meal service provision, such as Provision 2 or the Community Eligibility Provision, pursuant to 42 USC 1759a. The Superintendent or designee shall submit an application to operate a federal universal meal provision to the California Department of Education (CDE) on behalf of any district school that meets the definition of a "high poverty school." (Education Code 49564.3)~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that meals served under the school nutrition program meet applicable state and/or federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Schools participating in the Special Milk Program pursuant to 42 USC 1772 shall provide milk at no charge to students who meet federal eligibility criteria for free or reduced-price meals.~~

~~The Board shall approve, and shall submit to the California Department of Education **CDE** 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. **(and that meets other requirements specified in Education Code 49557)**~~

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Confidentiality/Release of Records

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals ~~meal~~ program shall be confidential **and may not be disclosed** except as provided by law. (Education Code 49558)

~~If a student transfers from the district to another district or to a private school, the Superintendent or designee may release the student's eligibility status or a copy of his/her free and reduced-price meal application to the other district or school to assist in **and authorized by** the continuation of the student's meal benefits.~~

~~**Board or pursuant to a court order. (Education Code 49558)**~~

The Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student ~~an individual student's~~ eligibility for the free and reduced-price meals ~~meal~~ program for the **following** purposes of: ~~—~~ (Education Code 49558)

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data
2. In any school identified as a Title I program improvement school pursuant to 20 USC 6316; identification **Identification** of students eligible for school choice and supplemental **services under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act pursuant to 20 USC 6301-6576**
3. **Facilitation of targeted educational services and supports to individual students based on the local control accountability plan**

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 in accordance with Education Code 49557.2.

If a student transfers from the district to another district, charter school, county office of education program, or private school, the Superintendent or designee may share the student's meal eligibility information to the other

educational agency to assist that other educational agency in ensuring that the student continues to receive school meals.

The Superintendent or designee may release the name and eligibility status of a student participating in the free or reduced-price meal program to another school district, charter school, or county office of education that is serving a student living in the same household for purposes related to program eligibility and data used in local control funding formula (LCFF) calculations. (Education Code 49558)

The Superintendent or designee may release the name and eligibility status of a student participating in the free or reduced-price meal program to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for purposes of determining allocations under the LCFF and for assessing accountability of that funding. (Education Code 49558)

The Superintendent or designee may release information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines eligibility for participation in the Medi-Cal program if the student has been approved for free meals or, if included in the agreement with the local agency, for reduced-price meals. The Superintendent or designee also may release information on the school lunch application to the local agency that determines eligibility for CalFresh or another nutrition assistance program authorized under 7 CFR 210.1 if the student has been approved for free or reduced-price meals. Information may be released for these purposes only if the student's parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information and the district has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the local agency which, at a minimum, includes the roles and responsibilities of the district and local agency and the process for sharing the information. After sharing information with the local agency for purposes of determining eligibility for that program, no further information shall be shared unless otherwise authorized by law. (Education Code 49557.2, 49557.3, 49558)

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

	Description
5 CCR 15510	Mandatory meals for needy students
5 CCR 15530-15535	Nutrition education
5 CCR 15550-15565	School lunch and breakfast programs
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 49430-49434	Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
Ed. Code 49490-49494	School breakfast and lunch programs
Ed. Code 49500-49505	School meals
Ed. Code 49501.5	California Universal Meals Program
Ed. Code 49510-49520	Nutrition
Ed. Code 49530-49536	Child Nutrition Act
Ed. Code 49547-49548.3	Comprehensive nutrition services
Ed. Code 49550-49564.5	Meals for needy students
Ed. Code 49564.3	High-poverty schools; universal meal service

Federal References

	Description
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
20 USC 6301-6576	Title I Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
42 USC 1751-1769j	School Lunch Program
42 USC 1771-1791	Child nutrition
42 USC 1773	School Breakfast Program
7 CFR 210.1-210.31	National School Lunch Program
7 CFR 220.10-220.21	National School Breakfast Program

7 CFR 245.1-245.13

Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk

Management Resources References

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California Department of Education Publication	Clarification on the Sharing of Individual Student Eligibility Information for Local Control and Accountability Plan Purposes, Management Bulletin SNP-02-2018, May 2018
CSBA Publication	Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, 2012
CSBA Publication	Monitoring for Success: A Guide for Assessing and Strengthening Student Wellness Policies, rev. 2012
U.S. Department of Agriculture Publication	Provision 2 Guidance: National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Summer 2002
U.S. Dept of Agriculture Publication	Eligibility Manual for School Meals: Determining and Verifying Eligibility, July 2017
Website	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Wry6HD6BSTBkfn7BqplusR7BQ==
Website	Nourish California - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/5GeuVdU7HE4aLG3NFy4PTg==
Website	California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition) - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/lzuCbbhn3rBrfeZTSNnVCw==
Website	California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/O5xpn2rTFL2uz0BslshlorGXQ==
Website	CSBA - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/W3QxkK2FPsDsQBnMIENxGg==

Cross References

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0200	Goals For The School District - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/S05O5v6npwslsh2SIXKYX8ZbA==
0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/FnDZ7yHITUVLmcPBwcYa4w==
0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/Oa8UxEDuhq6BH2zsd274XA==
0460	Local Control And Accountability Plan - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/8eaD94eHfiVAA8KyIGL0hw==
1340	Access To District Records - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/ilradJh510f82Bjhbu4vRw==
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1400	Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools - https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SU/bol2KOplusfOV4IODLslshnZFOsg==
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