

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The school system will take part in the National School Lunch Program and other food programs that may become available to assure that all children in our schools receive proper nourishment.

In accordance with guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Committee, no child will be denied a free lunch or other food simply because proper application has not been received from his parents or guardians.

As required by state and federal regulations, the School Committee will approve a policy statement pertaining to eligibility for free milk, free meals, and reduced price meals.

Applications for Free and Reduced Price lunches are distributed during the first week of school to each student and should be filled out by parents or guardians. **Application must be renewed each year.** The applications are then returned to and reviewed by the Building Administrator and Business Manager for approval based on Federal guidelines of financial need. If a family's financial need changes during the school year, applications may be obtained at any time in the school office.

All information regarding the application for Free and Reduced lunches will be kept confidential.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 USC 1751-1760)
Child Nutrition Act of 1966
P.L. 89-642, 80 Stat. 885, as amended
M.G.L. 15:1G; 15:1L; 69:1C; 71:72