

MUSCATINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

708.2 FREE OR REDUCED COST MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled and attending school in the school district, who meet USDA eligibility guidelines will be provided the school nutrition program meals at no cost or at a reduced rate.

Parents/guardians can apply or qualify through DHS (Department of Human Services) for meals to be free or at a reduced rate. The school district shall make reasonable efforts to prevent the overt identification of students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

The district shall at least twice annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility criteria, and application procedures for free or reduced price meals in accordance with state and federal law.

It is the responsibility of the Food and Nutrition Administrative Assistant to determine if a student qualifies for free or reduced cost meals. Students will not be denied the school meals simply because the proper paperwork has not been completed. If school personnel have knowledge of a student who is in need of free or reduced-price meals, school personnel shall contact the Food and Nutrition Supervisor.

If a student owes money for five or more meals, the Food and Nutrition Supervisor may contact the student's parent or guardian to provide information regarding the application for free or reduced price meals.

Employees, students and others will be required to deposit money into meal accounts or pay cash for meals.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent or designee to develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

LEG REF: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 *et seq.*
7 C.F.R. Pt. 210 *et seq.*
Iowa Code § 283A .
281 I.A.C. 58.