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FREE OR REDUCED FOOD PRICES

The Evansville Community School District shall take part in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program (K-5) to assure that all students in the District receive nutritious food. Ala carte items are not included in these programs. If a household fails to apply for free or reduced meals, benefits cannot be made available. In conformance with federal regulations, the following applies:

Eligibility Criteria

Students will be eligible to participate in the free or reduced food program if:

- their current household income is within the income eligibility guidelines set by the USDA each year.
- they are a participant of the Wisconsin Works (W-2) and/or food stamp program.
- they are a foster child.

There shall be no procedural differences in the service to those students who make full payment for meals and those who are aided by the free or partially paid lunch program. There shall be no physical segregation or other discrimination against any student because of inability to pay.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year if their circumstances change. Applications are available via student management system. All applications for free or reduced price meals shall be confidential in accordance with state and federal law.

Appeal

The District will abide by required nondiscrimination practices and hearing procedures. A family can appeal a decision made by the District with respect to a free or reduced price meal application and the District can challenge the continued eligibility of any student for free or reduced price food. Any appeal from the decision of the approving official shall be referred to the District Administrator or their designee.

Legal Ref.: Sections 115.34 Wisconsin Statutes (School Lunch Program)
118.13 (Pupil Discrimination Prohibited)
120.10(16) (Powers of Annual Meeting, School Lunches)
120.13(6)(10) (School Board Powers, Federal Aid/School Food Service)

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