

## SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 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 services at no cost or at a reduced price. The school district will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals.

The District shall 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.

Parents or guardians who believe their children qualify for free or reduced cost meals need to annually complete an Iowa Eligibility Application and return it to any district school or administrative office.

It will be the responsibility of the food service director, following USDA regulations, to determine if a student qualifies for free or reduced cost school meals. The Food Service Director, the District Social Worker and Homeless Liaison will work together to ensure that all district students in need are being served by the child nutrition program.

It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop administrative regulations for implementing this policy.

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

**Cross Reference:** 710.1 Child Nutrition Program  
710.3 Vending Machines  
710.4 Child Nutrition Program Charges and Notification Guidelines

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