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8531 - FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

The Board shall provide needy children with lunch at a reduced rate or no charge to the student.

Children, eligible for free or reduced-price meals, shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the State Department of Education.

[x] Parents or guardians will be required to fill out relevant information to determine student eligibility for Federal free or reduced-cost meal reimbursement rates and CEP eligibility determinations.

The Board designates the Food Service Director to determine in accordance with Board standards, the eligibility of students for free and reduced-price meals.

The schools shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and application procedure for free and reduced-

However, in accordance with the provisions outlined in State Aid Section 31k, this procedure prohibits:

- A** the requiring of any student who cannot pay for a school meal or who has a negative meal payment balance to wear a wristband or handstamp;
- B** the requiring of any student who cannot pay for a school meal or who has a negative meal payment balance to perform chores or other work to pay for school meals;
- C** the requiring of any student to dispose of a meal after it has been served because the student is unable to pay for the meal or has a negative meal payment balance;
- D** communicating directly with a student about a student meal debt unless the District has attempted to contact, but has been unsuccessful in communicating with, a student's parent or legal guardian through telephone, mail, and email; and
- E** discussing a negative meal payment balance with a student in the presence of other students.

M.C.L. 380.1272 et seq.

M.C.L. 388.1630d

M.C.L. 388.1631k

42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.

42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

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price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school.

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7 CFR 210.1 et seq.

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