

FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT  
FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

COB  
(LOCAL)

**Community  
Eligibility Provision**

With funds from the federal community eligibility provision (CEP), the District shall provide regular meal service to students at no cost, as authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). [See COB(LEGAL)]

**Eligibility Appeals**

The District shall provide a hearing process in compliance with USDA requirements for disputes about a student's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal programs. A parent or student may appeal the decision of the hearing official in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).

**Civil Rights  
Complaints**

A person alleging discrimination in school meal programs based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability shall be informed of the procedures and right to file a complaint with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Food and Nutrition office and the USDA. Complaints received by District personnel shall be forwarded to TDA.