

# Series 700 – Auxiliary Services

Policy Title: **Eligibility For Free Or Reduced Priced Meals**

Policy Code No. **710.2**

The Newton Community School District shall participate in National Child Nutrition Programs and shall accept responsibility for providing either free or reduced priced meals to eligible students in the schools under its jurisdiction.

Students who attend school in the district will be served free or reduced priced meals with the approval of a free or reduced priced meal application. Whether or not a particular child is eligible for free or reduced priced meals or milk will be determined by the supervisor of food service in consultation with the building principal, in accordance with guidelines set by the National Child Nutrition Programs. If a student is determined to be needy by a school official and the parents/ guardian will not or cannot fill out the application, that official may complete the application with a note justifying the request. Upon approval by the food service supervisor, the student may be given free meals. Decisions on eligibility may be appealed to the superintendent of schools.

In accordance with the wishes of the Board, if a school official believes that a student is improperly nourished, the student will be offered a meal, even though the student does not have a meal ticket or an approved free meal application on file. The needs of the individual student will always be considered first.

The criteria and procedures for determining a student's need/eligibility and the steps to secure free or reduced priced meals will be outlined and made known to the general public by the superintendent annually. These criteria and procedures are established at the state/federal level.

Students who receive free or reduced priced meals will not be distinguished in any way from students who pay the regular price; great care shall be taken to protect the anonymity of these students. Their names will not be made known to any person except such staff as needed to make the special arrangements for them.

The Board, in accordance with state and federal requirements, shall adopt annual participation agreements as recommended by the Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs Division of the State of Iowa. A copy of the agreements and attachments will be included in the minutes of the Board.

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