

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The district shall take part as feasible in the national school lunch and other food programs which may become available to assure that all children in the district receive proper nourishment. District policy, in conformance with federal regulations, shall include the following:

Eligibility Criteria and Selection of Children

1. The official(s) designated by the district to make eligibility determinations on its behalf for free and reduced price meals.
2. An assurance that for students who are not categorically eligible for free and reduced price benefits, the district will determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals in accordance with the current income eligibility guidelines.
3. The specific procedures the district will use in accepting applications from families for free and reduced price meals. School officials may seek verification of the information on application forms. If a student's household refuses to cooperate in efforts to verify information, eligibility for free and reduced price benefits may be terminated in accordance with legal requirements.
4. A description of the method(s) to be used to collect payments from those students paying the full price of the meal, or a reduced price of a meal, which would prevent overt identification of students receiving free or reduced price meals.
5. An assurance that 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 and reduced price meal application and the district can challenge the continued eligibility of any student for a free and reduced price meal.

Appeal

Any appeal from the decision of the approving officer(s) shall be referred to the district administrator or his or her designee.

The school district of Colby shall not discriminate in school sponsored food service programs on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 120.10 (16) & 120.13 (6) & (10)