

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL PROGRAM ~~FOOD SERVICES~~

An adequate nutrition program is essential to a student's ~~child's~~ growth and development and influences his achievement in school. In the belief that every school student-age child should have an adequate lunch, the Board will provide a free or reduced-price lunch program to those eligible students ~~children~~ at schools that operate as part of the National School Lunch Program. For those schools operating a food service program not under the federal regulations of the National School Lunch Program, the system for administering free and/or reduced-price meals will be approved by the School Board.

The Board will enter into an annual agreement with the State Department of Education for the operation of the school lunch program, which obligates the Albemarle County Public Schools to observe the standards and minimum operating requirements established under the *National School Lunch Act*.

Under the *National School Lunch Act*, as amended, funds will be available for reimbursement to approved schools for student meals serving the required meal pattern.

In accordance with federal law and the Revised Regulations of the *National School Lunch Act* and the *Child Nutrition Act*, the Board will carry out all statutory requirements and will accept responsibility for providing free and reduced-price meals to eligible students ~~children~~ in the schools.

Any amendments or changes to this policy will be submitted to the state School Nutrition ~~Lunch~~ Office for approval prior to its taking effect in the Albemarle County Public Schools. When changes occur during the school year, parents and the news media will be notified.

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Legal Refs.:	42 U.S.C. Section 1751 et seq.
	Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Sections §§ 22.1-24, 22.1-70, 22.1-78
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