

EFC - FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE FOOD SERVICES

Poudre School District may participate in the National School Lunch Program and other food programs to ensure all students are offered proper nourishment while at school.

The following criteria have been established for use in determining student eligibility for free and reduced-price meals:

- 1. Student eligibility for free or reduced-price meals shall be determined annually by the director of food service or designee.
- 2. Free and reduced-price eligibility application forms and program requirements shall be provided annually to parents or guardians. The application form and its content are considered part of the food service program's operational rules.
- 3. If the application is denied, parents/guardians may appeal the decision to the director of food service. Further appeal may be made to the executive director of operations through a hearing process in accordance with the procedures described in Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended.
- 4. The District shall abide by current income poverty guidelines of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, as adjusted by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- 5. Students receiving free or reduced-price meals shall not be required as a condition of receiving such meals to use a separate cafeteria or section of the cafeteria, to go through a separate serving line, to enter the cafeteria through a different entrance, to work for their meals, to use a different medium of exchange, or to eat lunch at a different time from other students.
- 6. Names of students receiving free or reduced-price meals shall be maintained as confidential records and not used by the District for other purposes, unless authorized to do so by law.

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