

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Policy

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STUDENTS

Welfare

Free and Reduced Price Lunches

North Penn School District, School Nutrition Services participates in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Both the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program are federally assisted meal programs that operate in public and nonprofit private schools. These programs provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals to children each school day.

School Nutrition Services sends school meal applications home at the beginning of each school year in the Back to School packet. However, families may apply for free/reduced priced school meals at any time throughout the school year by submitting a household school meal application directly to your student's school. Instructions for completing are issued along with the school meal application. Families that are earning at or below current Income Eligibility Guidelines are encouraged complete a school meal application. The school or local education agency will process your application and issue an eligibility determination.

Families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits automatically qualify for free school meals through the Direct Certification process and are not required to complete a school meal application. SNS is required to send home Direct Certification letters at the beginning of each school year. The Direct Certification letter informs families of their Direct Certification status and lets them know they do not have to complete a school meal application.

Based on the Annual Income Eligibility Guidelines, each application will be reviewed, eligibility will be determined, and the family will be notified in writing within ten days. A family has the right to appeal the eligibility determination by writing to the Superintendent of Schools. Once the letter is received, the Superintendent of Schools will evaluate and reply to the family appealing the decision.

This policy shall apply uniformly in all schools of the district. Therefore, a student or family—whose eligibility is established in one school – shall retain eligibility in the event that he/she transfers to another school, except as changes in family circumstances necessitate revisions as provided above.

The procedures for administering this policy must provide all possible safeguards against any condition which might embarrass or discriminate against the child.

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