

**M.S.A.D. NO. 75
FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES**

M.S.A.D. No. 75 believes that the School Nutrition Program plays an important role in helping our students succeed in school. Proper nutrition is not only essential for growing bodies, but it also assists students in reaching their full potential in academics. The District's intent is to ensure that the learning process is not impeded in any way for students who are hungry because they have not had a proper breakfast or lunch.

The District shall take part, as far as possible, in the National School Lunch Program and other food programs, which may become available to assure that all children for whom the Board is responsible shall have the opportunity to receive proper nourishment.

Parents shall be advised that this program is available. Eligibility criteria shall be made public.

In accordance with the guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, no child shall be denied a meal simply because proper application has not been received from his/her parents or guardian.

It shall be the policy in our schools that when school lunch is desired, payment is expected on that day or in advance by/for students who are not eligible for free lunches. Should there be any difficulty in obtaining payment; the matter is to be resolved by direct contact with the parent (or student, if emancipated).

No student is to be denied food as a disciplinary measure.

The administration shall establish and publish, as appropriate, procedures, which conform with State and federal requirements and the intent of this policy regarding participation in programs for free/reduced-price meals and supplementary food.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRS § 6601 et seq.

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