

Student Meals

The NW BOCES shall provide meals daily to students enrolled in the educational and residential programs. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided for residential students. Lunch (breakfast optional) will be provided for all day program students. All meals provided by the NW BOCES to the students in attendance are included in contract costs.

Meals may not be omitted as punishment nor in any way used in a behavior contingency program.

All meals will be planned and served in accordance with the Wyoming Department of Education through standards established by USDA food and nutrition services. The only exception to this will be with written order by a licensed physician for restrictive or extraordinary diets.

US Department of Agriculture regulation 7 CFR 15b prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Free and Reduced Price Food Services

NW BOCES may participate in the National School Lunch and other food programs which may become available to assure that all children at NW BOCES receive proper nourishment.

In accordance with the guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, no child who meets the criteria for eligibility for free and reduced lunch benefits will be denied a free lunch, milk, or other food simply because proper application has not been received from his/her parent/guardian. The school food authority of NW BOCES may complete an application for a student known to be needy if the household fails to apply.

The Administration will establish rules, regulations, and procedures which conform with state and federal (or other) requirements (Policies 1018a through 1018h) regarding participation in programs for free and reduced lunch benefits. Such regulations will be reported to the Board as needed for its approval.

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Rules Governing Determination of Eligibility for Free and Reduced
Price School Lunch, Breakfast and Milk Programs Adoption of Federal
Rules

Section 1. Adoption of Federal Rules. NW BOCES does hereby adopt and incorporate the federal requirements regarding the determination and verification of eligibility for free and reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and the Special Milk Program that are approved and accepted by the Wyoming Department of Education. Such rules are generally set forth in the Eligibility Manual for School Meals applicable to Child Nutrition Programs and promulgated by the Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

Section 2. Hearing Procedure. The hearing procedure to contest or challenge eligibility decisions relating to free and reduced-price meals shall be the hearing procedures set forth in Article III of these Rules of Practice Governing Hearings and Contested Cases Before the Board except as set forth below.

Section 3. Service of Notice. Service of any notice required to be made herein may be made upon any member of the family who is of legal age.

Section 4. Record of Hearing Procedure. Proceedings need not be reported verbatim stenographically or by any other means except upon the request of either party, in which event the party making such request shall bear the expense of the verbatim reporting. In the event the proceedings are not reported verbatim, accurate minutes of the hearing shall be kept by a person appointed by the Board and such minutes shall be placed, with all exhibits offered into evidence, in the docket file.

Section 5. Timeline for Requesting Hearing. NW BOCES shall notify applicants for free and reduced-price meals as to eligibility status or changes in eligibility status and provide an appropriate notice (notice of adverse action) as provided by the applicable federal rules and all persons adversely affected who desire to appeal the decision and request a hearing shall do so within the time set forth in the applicable rules.

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