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8531 - **FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS**

The Board recognizes the importance of good nutrition to each student's educational performance.

~~The Board may provide needy children with breakfast and lunch at a reduced rate or at no charge to the student, if the District participates in the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program.~~

Children eligible for free or reduced-price meals shall be determined by the criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program. These criteria are issued annually by the Federal government through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's administration of School Nutrition Programs.

The Board designates the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to determine, in accordance with Board standards, the eligibility of students for free and/or reduced-price meals.

The schools shall annually notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements, and/or application procedure for free and reduced-price meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school and shall seek out and apply for such Federal, State, and local funds as may be applied to the District's program of free and reduced-price meals.

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Nondiscrimination Statement

The following statement applies to all programs administered by the District that are funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA):

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of the Protected Classes. Protected Classes include:

- A. race;
- B. color;

- C. national origin;
- D. age;
- E. sex (including transgender gender status, change of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity);
- F. pregnancy;
- G. creed or religion;
- H. genetic information;
- I. handicap or disability (in accordance with Policy 1623, AG 1623A, and AG 1623B);
- J. marital status;
- K. citizenship status;
- L. veteran status;
- M. military service (as defined in 111.32, Wis. Stats.);
- N. ancestry;
- O. arrest record;
- P. conviction record (in accordance with Policy 3121);
- Q. use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours;
- R. declining to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communication with the employer about religious matters or political matters; or
- S. any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. Mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. Fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. E-mail:
program.intake@usda.gov.

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