

The Board recognizes its responsibilities to provide free or reduced meals for needy children.

Students meeting family income and other requirements may participate in free or reduced price lunch or breakfast programs provided by the federal and state government. The Board will establish eligibility requirements for free and reduced priced meals within the parameters of state and federal guidelines.

Information from student applications for participation in the free and reduced lunch program shall be held confidential except as provided by law. Use or disclosure of information concerning family or parental income shall be restricted to the following:

1. A person(s) directly connected with the administration or enforcement of the school lunch or breakfast program;
2. A person directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal or state educational or nutrition programs where such information is required for those purposes. Such persons shall be provided income eligibility status information only.

There shall not be an overt identification of any child by special tokens or tickets, published or announced lists of names, or by any other means.

Information provided under items 1 & 2 above shall be used only for purposes of determining eligibility of students or as otherwise prescribed by law.

Use of summary or aggregate data is not restricted under this policy.

PROCEDURE: NO

ADOPTED:

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Columbia County Board of Education