

Philosophy	The Board believes when students have access to a nutritious breakfast and lunch, they are better equipped to reach their full potential.
Free and Reduced-Price Meals	The District participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Families who complete an application and are approved for meal benefits receive meals at a free or reduced price based on eligibility.
Eligibility Appeals	The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures to address appeals regarding a student's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. A parent or student may appeal the decision of the hearing official in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).
Community Eligibility Program	<p>The District also participates in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). With funds from the federal CEP program, the District shall provide regular meal service to students at no cost at identified campuses, as authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). [See COB(LEGAL)]</p> <p>Furthermore, participation in CEP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lessens administrative costs, with no need to track unpaid meal charges.• Brings streamlined meal service operations and provides more time for students to consume their food. <p>The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures to determine CEP participation for eligible campuses including annual review of campuses and corresponding with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for eligibility.</p>
Civil Rights Complaints	A person alleging discrimination in school meal programs based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability shall be informed of the procedures and right to file a complaint with the TDA Food and Nutrition office and the USDA. Complaints received by District personnel shall be forwarded to TDA.