

BOARD POLICY

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Business & Non-Instructional Operations

3542.31 - BP

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

The Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District recognizes that a child's good health and physical well-being are essential to his or her opportunity for educational progress. Toward that end, the district maintains a policy of active participation in federal and state meal programs to assure adequate nutrition to all students, and to provide breakfast and lunch meals at no charge for all students during the school day, regardless of socioeconomic status, at all school sites in accordance with the California State Meal Mandate. The confidentiality of student information will be upheld when there has been an application for the free/reduced meal benefit program.

There shall be no physical segregation of, or any other discrimination against any child because of his/her ability to pay the full price of the meal. There shall be no overt identification of any such children by use of special tokens or tickets, or by any other means. No child shall be discriminated against because of his/her race, sex, color, national origin, or physical condition. Such children will not be required to work for their meals; use a separate lunchroom; go through a separate serving line; enter the lunchroom through a separate entrance; eat meals at a different time; or eat a meal different from the one sold to children paying the full price.

The Superintendent shall prepare, or have prepared the specific applications, agreements, and all other documentation for participation in such programs, and shall submit these to the Board for consideration and approval. The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures to govern the administration of programs for free or reduced-price meals in which the district participates pursuant to this policy.

Legal Reference: Education Code Section 49501.5 and 49564.3-Universal Meal Program
Section 49500-49505, School Meals for Pupils
Section 49510-49512, Pupil Nutrition
Section 49557-49558, Free/ Reduced Price meals

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