

FREE AND REDUCED PRICED FOOD SERVICES

The Gloucester County school division provides free and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program.

School officials determine student eligibility based on guidelines established by federal law. Eligible students are provided nutritionally acceptable meals free or at a reduced cost if state and federal resources for school food programs are available. The superintendent or designee establishes rules and procedures as needed to implement this policy.

The criteria for determining a student's eligibility and the procedures for securing free and reduced-price meals is publicly announced at the beginning of each school year and provided to parents of all children in attendance at Gloucester County Public Schools.

The division's policy with regard to situations in which a student who is eligible for a reduced-price meal does not have money on account or in hand to cover the portion of the cost of the meal at the time of service is stated in Policy JHCH School Meals and Snacks. Policy JHCH School Meals and Snacks is delivered to all households at the start of the school year and to households that transfer into the school division during the school year.

The students who participate in the free or reduced-cost meals programs are not overtly identified, distinguished, or served differently than other students.

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LEGAL REFERENCES: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1758, 1772 and 1773.

7 C.F.R. §§ 210.9, 220.20, 245.5, 245.8

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-207.3

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CROSS REFERENCES: JHCF Student Wellness
JHCH School Meals and Snacks