

**Business and Non-Instructional
Operations****FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

The Monterey County Board of Education (County Board) and the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) recognize that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning and that some families may be unable to provide breakfast and lunch for their children. The Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) shall provide at least one nutritionally adequate free and reduced price meal each day for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria. [Education Code 49550, 49552]

The County Superintendent or designee should ensure that meals provided through the free and reduced-price meals program meet applicable state and/or federal nutritional standards in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation.

The County Board and the County Superintendent should comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws as they apply to MCOE's free and reduced-price meal and milk programs. No student shall be denied the benefits or service of any nutrition program or discriminate against him/her because of race, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law, in the implementation of the programs.

The Compliance Officer designated in AR 1312.3- Uniform Complaint Procedures is be the coordinator of MCOE's effort to comply with the laws governing its nutrition programs as well as investigate any related complaint. Any complaint concerning the MCOE's nutrition programs shall be investigated using the process identified in AR 1312.3.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

48980	Notice at beginning of term
49490-49494	School breakfast and lunch programs
49500-49505	School meals
49510-49520	Nutrition
49530-49536	Child Nutrition Act of 1974
49547-49548.3	Comprehensive nutrition service
49550-49560	Meals for needy students

CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 5

15510	Mandatory meals for needy students
15530-15535	Nutrition education
15550-15565	School lunch and breakfast programs

UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 20

1232 g Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act
6301-6514 Title I programs

UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 42

1751-1769 National lunch programs
1771-1791 Child nutrition
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended
2000h-2000h-6 Title IX

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS TITLE 2

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program
245.1-245.13 Determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals

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