

NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD POLICY

Series 3000

BP 3553

Business and Non-instructional Operations Food and Nutritional Services Department

The Governing Board recognizes 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. In accordance with law, the district shall provide nutritionally adequate free and reduced price meals for students whose families meet federal eligibility criteria.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval a plan that ensures that students eligible to receive free or reduced price meals and milk are not treated differently from other students or easily identified by their peers.

(cf. [0410](#) - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. [5145.3](#) - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Upon approval of the Board, this plan shall be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval. (Education Code [49557](#))

All applications and records related to eligibility for the free or reduced price meal program shall be confidential except as provided by law. (Education Code [49558](#))

In accordance with law, the Board authorizes designated employees to use individual records pertaining to student eligibility for any free and reduced price meal program for the purpose of: (Education Code [49558](#))

1. Disaggregation of academic achievement data
2. Identification of students eligible for school choice and supplemental educational services in any school identified for program improvement

(cf. [0520.2](#) - Title I Program Improvement Schools)
(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)
(cf. [6162.51](#) - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program)
(cf. [6171](#) - Title I Programs)
(cf. [6190](#) - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

The Board further authorizes the release of information on the school lunch program application to the local agency that determines Medi-Cal program eligibility, provided that the student is approved for free meals and the parent/guardian consents to the sharing of information as provided by Education Code [49557.2](#).

(cf. [5141.6](#) - Student Health and Social Services)

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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

[1232g](#) 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

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

[245.1-245.13](#) Determination of eligibility for free and reduced price meals