

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES

The Alexandria City Public Schools will provide free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program, the National School Breakfast Program, and any other special meal/snack programs identified to meet the needs of our students.

School officials will determine student eligibility based on guidelines established by federal law. Eligible students will be provided nutritionally acceptable meals at a free and/or reduced cost if state and federal resources for school food programs are available. The Superintendent or designee will establish 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 will be publicly announced at the beginning of each school year and made available to parents/guardians of all children in attendance at Alexandria City Public Schools through a variety of media platforms.

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. This policy 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 and reduced cost meals programs will not be overtly identified, distinguished, or served differently than other students.

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Legal Refs: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § [22.1-207.3](#)

42 U.S.C. §§ 1751, 1771 et seq.

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

[8 VAC 20-290-10](#)

Cross Refs.: EF Food Service Management
EFE Food Service Records and Reports
[JHCH School Meals and Snacks](#)