

RSU #63

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** EFC
- b. Title:** Food Services Program
- c. Author:** Superintendent/Budget & Finance Committee
- d. Replaces Policy:**
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- h. Responsible for Review:** Superintendent/Budget & Finance Committee/
Policy Committee
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09/18/2024 Policy Committee
09/18/2024 Superintendent
- j. References:** 20-A MRSA § 6601 et. seq.
Policies: EFCA-RSU #63 Free & Reduced-Price Meal Program
EFC-R1 – Administrative Procedures Relating to RSU #63's
Free & Reduced-Price Meal Program

k. Narrative:

RSU #63 (the District) will take part, as feasible, in the National School Lunch and other food programs that may become available to assure that all children for whom the Board is responsible will have the opportunity to receive proper nourishment.

Parents will be advised that this program is available and eligibility criteria will be made public.

In accordance with the guidelines for participation in these programs, and in accordance with the wishes of the Board, no child who a teacher believes is improperly nourished will be denied a free lunch, or other food, simply because proper application has not been received from their parents or guardians.

It will be the policy in our schools that when school lunch is desired, payment is expected on that day or in advance by/for pupils not eligible for free lunches. Should there be any difficulty in obtaining such payment, the matter is to be resolved by direct contact with the parent/guardian (or student, if emancipated). No student is to be denied food as a disciplinary measure.

The administration will establish and publish, as appropriate, procedures that conform with state and federal requirements and the intent of this policy regarding participation in programs for free/reduced price meals and supplementary food.