

FOOD SERVICES

Generally

Employees of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board do not require a student who cannot pay for a meal at school or who owe a school meal debt to do chores or other work to pay for such meals or wear a wristband or hand stamp.

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School offers a credit program for students who may need financial assistance with their meals. In order for a Maggie L. Walker Governor's School student to qualify for a credit toward the cost of breakfast and lunch, they or their household must receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP) and/or Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) from the Department of Social Services. Foster, group home, and refugee children also qualify for meal credits. There is no qualifying for meal credits under income guidelines.

Free Food Services

School officials will determine student eligibility based on guidelines established by the Regional School Board. Eligible students will be provided nutritionally acceptable meals and milk free if the student meets one of the criteria above. The director or designee establishes 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 and milk will be publicly announced at the beginning of each school year and provided to parents of all children in attendance at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.

If Maggie L. Walker Governor's School collects information to determine eligibility for participation in the school based free meal program, it posts prominently on its website an application for student participation in such program and provides a paper-based application.

Employees of Maggie Walker Governor's School Regional Board do not physically segregate, overtly identify, or otherwise discriminate against any child eligible for free meals.

Unpaid Meal Charges

Students who do not have money on account or in hand to cover the cost of a meal at the time of service may be permitted to charge the meal and to contact the student's parent will be made.

Notice of low or negative balances in a student's meal account are sent to parents and the director or the director's designee. Parents are expected to pay all meal charges in full by the last day of the school year.

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Legal Refs.: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et seq., 1771 et seq.

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture, SP 23-2017 Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance and Q&A, March 23, 2017.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, SP 47-2016, Unpaid Meal Charges: Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments, July 8, 2016.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-79.7, 22.1-207.2:1, 22.1-207.3, 22.1-207.4, 63.2-1509.

8 VAC 20-740-10.

8 VAC 20-740-30.

8 VAC 20-740-35.

Cross Refs:	Pol 4075	Student Wellness
	Reg 7006-R	School Meal Credit Program
	Pol 4012	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting