

FOOD SERVICES

Generally

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional School Board is committed to providing students with access to nutritious meals during the school day and to administering its food service program in a manner that does not stigmatize students based on financial need.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School provides food service through a contracted food service vendor. Meals are made available to students for purchase in accordance with procedures established by the school and the food service vendor.

Food and beverages sold to students at breakfast and lunch will comply with applicable federal and state requirements.

Meal Credit and Financial Assistance

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School provides meal credits and financial assistance to eligible students.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School determines eligibility for meal assistance using self-reported information provided by the student's parent or guardian and the applicable federal income eligibility guidelines for school meals. Supporting income documentation is not required as part of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School application process.

Participation in the Community Eligibility Provision by a student's home school or home school division does not, by itself, establish eligibility for meal assistance at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School.

Eligibility may also be based on a federally recognized categorical eligibility requirement, such as participation in SNAP or TANF, foster care status, or another qualifying circumstance. Families experiencing a change in financial circumstances or significant financial hardship may also request consideration for meal assistance.

For students determined eligible by Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, the student's home school division provides financial support for eligible meal assistance. Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will coordinate with the home school division as necessary to administer that assistance.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will make information about its Meal Credit and Financial Assistance program available to families at the beginning of each school year. A web-based application and a paper application will be made available.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will administer meal assistance in a manner that protects student privacy and does not physically segregate, overtly identify, or otherwise discriminate against a student receiving assistance.

Meal Debt

Employees of the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional School Board will not require a student who cannot pay for a meal or who owes a school meal debt to discard a meal after it has been served, perform chores or other work to pay for the meal, or wear a wristband, hand stamp, or other identifying marker.

Communication regarding a student's meal debt will be directed to the student's parent or guardian.

The Regional School Board will not file a lawsuit against a student or the student's parent or guardian because the student cannot pay for a meal or owes a school meal debt.

A student will not be denied the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity because the student cannot pay for a meal or owes a school meal debt.

The Regional School Board may accept donations or other funds for the purpose of eliminating or offsetting school meal debt and will use such funds solely for that purpose.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School will annually report school meal debt to the Virginia Department of Education as required by law. The report will not contain personally identifiable student information.

School-Sponsored Fundraisers and Competitive Foods

Food sold to students during the school day outside of the regular meal program will comply with applicable federal and state requirements governing competitive foods.

School sponsored fundraisers involving food will be conducted in accordance with applicable Virginia requirements.

Administration

The executive director is responsible for implementing procedures to ensure compliance with this policy and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The executive director may designate one or more individuals responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance with this policy, including areas that are outside the direct control of the school nutrition program.

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Legal Refs.:

42 U.S.C. §§ 1758, 1772, and 1773.

7 C.F.R. §§ 210.9, 210.11, 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, 22.1-207.2:2, 22.1-207.3, 22.1-207.3:1, 22.1-207.4, 63.2-1509.

8 VAC 20-740

8 VAC 20-740-30.

8 VAC 20-740-35.

8 VAC 20-740-40.

Cross Refs:	Pol 4075	Student Wellness
	Pol 4012	Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting
	Pol 7050	Public Gifts to the School
	Pol 1000	School Board Powers and Duties
	Pol 7005.1	Food Sanitation Program
	Pol 7005	Food Service Management