

**Alabama State Department of Education
Child Nutrition Programs
Summer Food Service Program
Free Meal Policy Statement**

The _____ assures the Alabama Department of Education that
(Name of Sponsoring Organization)

7 CFR 225.6(f) All sites adhere to the following (excluding camps and closed enrolled):

- (A) All children in attendance are served the same (meal)(s), regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
- (B) There is no discrimination in the course of the food service.
- (C) All meals served to eligible children are served at no charge.

and/or

Sites which **are** camps or closed enrolled that charge separately for meals adhere to the following:

- (A) The USDA's Evaluation Income Sheet for family size and income standards for Free and Reduced Price Meals effective in the current year of operation is used to determine eligibility of children.
- (B) Parents/Guardians are permitted to apply on behalf of children who are members of households receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) benefits.

Description of method(s) used in accepting applications from families for program meals.

- (C) Overt identification of children receiving free meals and of children who pay full price for meals should be prevented.

Description of method(s) used to prevent overt identification of these children.

- (D) Households can appeal the denial of an application for free meals. Hearing procedures outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations will be established and followed.
- (E) A family requesting a hearing shall continue to receive free meals for its child(ren) until a final decision is rendered.

(F) There will be no overt identification of free meal recipients and no discrimination against any child on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

Signature of Official Representative

Title

Date