



**Office of the State Superintendent of Education  
D.C. Free Summer Meals Program**

**Permanent Policy Statement**

(NAME OF SPONSOR) \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to participate in the Free Summer Meals Program (FSMP) and accepts responsibility for providing Program benefits to eligible children in the Program.

The sponsor assures the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, that:

1. All children are served the same meal.
2. There is no discrimination in the course of the food service.
  - a. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). TDD users can contact USDA through local relay or the Federal Relay at (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (relay voice users). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
3. Except for camps, the meals served are free at all sites.
4. For camps that charge separately for meals:
  - a. The eligibility standards conform to the Secretary's family size and income standards for reduced price school meals.
  - b. The method or methods used in accepting applications from families for Program meals. ensures that households are permitted to apply on behalf of children who are members of households receiving food stamp, FDPIR, or TANF benefits using the categorical eligibility procedures described in §225.15(f);
  - c. The method used by camps for collecting payments from children who pay the full price of the meal prevents the overt identification of children receiving a free meal;
  - d. The camp will establish a hearing procedure for families wishing to appeal a denial of an application for free meals. Such hearing procedures shall meet the requirements set forth in paragraph §225.15(c)(5);
  - e. If a family requests a hearing, the child shall continue to receive free meals until a decision is rendered; and
  - 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.

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Print/Type Name of Authorized Representative

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Title of Authorized Representative

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Date