Emery County School District

Policy EFD— School Meal Payments

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Definitions—

- 1. "National School Lunch Program" means the same as that term is defined in 7 CFR § 210.2.
- 2. "School Breakfast Program" means the same as that term is defined in 7 CFR § 220.2.
- 3. A "school meal" under this policy is food provided by the school under the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program.

<u>Utah Code § 53F-2-423(1)(c) (2025)</u> <u>Utah Code § 53G-9-205.1 (2021)</u>

Payments and Debt for School Meals—

No student who is unable to pay for a school meal (or who receives a school meal at a reduced cost) shall be publicly identified or stigmatized by any District employee or volunteer.

No student may be required to perform chores to pay for a school meal unless such requirement applies to all students (i.e., the requirement applies whether or not any payment in money is made for the school meal).

Communications regarding a student's debt for school meals shall be directed only to the student's parent (and not to the student).

Utah Code § 53F-2-423(4), (5) (2025)

Federal guidelines prohibit the Food and Nutrition operation from writing off bad debts as a result of charged meals. Every effort will be made to collect for unpaid meals.

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