

POLICY 5500 – SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

POLICY 5501 – NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

The district will participate in the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and comply with all regulations ensuring access to free and reduced price school meals.

Applications will be provided to parents/guardians via the district website (www.ips.k12.ny.us) and in enrollment and back-to-school packets. [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#) will be provided on the district website, in the district calendar, and in enrollment and back-to-school packets.

Once a child is determined eligible for free or reduced price school meals, his or her eligibility must remain in effect through the remainder of the school year and for up to 30 operating days into the subsequent school year unless a student's household reports changes in their circumstances or there are changes resulting from verification or administrative reviews [42 USC 1758(b)(9)(C); 7 CFR 245.6(c)(1)]. When a student transfers from the elementary school to the middle school, the middle school must accept the eligibility determination previously [7 CFR 245.3(c)].

Island Park UFSD will accept eligibility determinations made by a student's previous school district when the student transfers from another district. This promotes program integrity and reduces the administrative burden on the student's family and the district.

See Attachments:

- Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk (English)
- Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk (Spanish)

POLICY 5502 – À LA CARTE SALES

À la carte sandwich and salad programs will be provided at each school under the direction of the principal. Funds will be budgeted annually by the Board of Education to maintain reasonable prices.

POLICY 5503 – SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND

The District's school food service fund (C Fund) is a special revenue fund used to account for the District's food service operations. The fund's intent is that the cost of providing food services on a continuing basis be financed and recovered primarily through food sales and corresponding State and Federal aid.

If this fund is not self-sufficient, District officials must rely on the general fund (A Fund) to subsidize food service operations and maintain fiscal stability through inter-fund transfers or advances. The Board may authorize an annual inter-fund transfer that is not required to be repaid. However, in the case of an inter-fund advance, which the District officials intend as a short-term loan, the money must be repaid by year-end as required by General Municipal Law.