

**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICE**

An adequate nutrition program is essential to a child's growth and development and influences higher achievement in school. In the belief that every school-aged child should have an adequate breakfast and lunch, the Board will serve free or reduced price meals to those eligible children.

Hardy County Schools currently participates in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), which allows all enrolled students to eat all meals offered free of charge. With the participation in this program, meal applications are no longer collected from families. If the program would end, the application process would once again be initiated.

The Board shall enter into an annual agreement with the West Virginia Department of Education for the operation of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, which obligates Hardy County Schools to observe the standards and minimum operating requirements established under the National School Lunch Act, the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, and subsequent revisions.

In accordance with Federal law, including revised Child Nutrition regulations the Board will carry out all statutory requirements, and accepts responsibility for providing free and reduced price meals to all children enrolled in Hardy County Schools.

SOURCE: Board of Education Minutes

DATE: February 26, 2001

LEGAL REFERENCES: USDA Federal Policy – Health, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010  
WV Code §126-86-2 through 4  
WVDE Policy 4321.1