

Harlem School District

Non-Instructional Operations

8205

Meal Charge Policy

The goal of the Harlem School District is to allow children to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day. The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the USDA Child Nutrition Program.

The Harlem School District has eliminated the risk for unpaid meal charges by participating in the Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) program, which is a meal service option for schools and school districts operating the school meal programs in high-poverty communities. CEP allows the school to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled children without the need to collect applications or establish individual eligibility for a four-year period, thereby increasing access to school meals and eliminating unpaid meal charges.

Legal Reference:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>

Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, PL 108-265

Child Nutrition Act 1966, 42 United States Code (USC) Section 1771 et seq.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 United States Code (USC) Section 794 et seq.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 United States Code (USC) Sections 1400-1485

7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 15B, 210 and 220

Policy History:

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