

“CHARGING” SCHOOL MEALS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST SHAMING

The Board of Education believes in maintaining the integrity and dignity of student households. The District’s aim is to provide student access to nutritious meals and to ensure that no pupil is shamed or treated differently.

The Board recognizes that the Rochester City School District currently participates in Community Eligibility for student meals. With this in mind, student shaming is unlikely since no student can be singled out for not paying for their meal.

Cross-ref: Charge Regulation for the Food Service Program (8530-R)

Ref: 42 USC §1779 (Child Nutrition Act of 1966)
 42 USC §§1758(f)(1); 1766(a) (National School Lunch Act)
 2 CFR §200.426 (accounting for debt in federal programs)
 7 CFR §§210.9 210.12; 210.19; 220.13; 245.5 (accounting in federal school meal programs)
 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (Public Law 111-296), §143
 15 USC §1692a (debt collector defined)
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8 NYCRR §114.5
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