

Security Statement

The information contained within this system is confidential and for use by a Local Education Agency (LEA) participating in the school nutrition programs and will be used only for determining free eligibility for meal or milk benefits and verification of eligibility. LEAs that plan to disclose children's eligibility status for purposes other than determining and verifying free eligibility must inform households of this potential disclosure. In most cases, the LEA must obtain consent of a parent or guardian prior to the disclosure. It may not be disclosed to anyone who is not permitted by law to receive it. Every user of this system acknowledges, by access and use, the confidential nature of the material contained herein, and agrees to prevent the unlawful distribution of this information, intentionally or otherwise.

Section 9(b)(6) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA), 42 U.S.C.1758(b)(6) and regulations found at 7 CFR Part 245.6 delineates the restrictions on the disclosure and use of information obtained from an application for free and reduced price meals, as well as the criminal penalties for improper release of information. While the law discusses applications, the disclosure requirements also apply to information obtained through the direct certification process.

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(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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For more information, contact the Child and Adult Nutrition Services office at (605) 773-3413 or DOESchoolLunch@state.sd.us.