Participation in Programs & Activities - Students Identified as Economically Disadvantaged

Criteria for Identifying Students as Economically Disadvantaged

Determining financial need and classifying a student as economically disadvantaged shall be at the discretion of the principal or designee.

A student's eligibility for free or reduced price meals may only be used for non-program purposes if the student's parents/guardians have been notified in advance of the potential non-program uses of such eligibility information and the parents/guardians have consented to the use of such information for the contemplated purpose(s).

In addition to a student's eligibility for free or reduced price meals, other factors that could indicate that a student is economically disadvantaged include, but are not limited to, a family's receipt of benefits such as Medicaid or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, a student's classification as homeless, a student's placement in foster care, or relevant poverty data from the census.

Curricular programs and activities

The Superintendent or designee will ensure funds are made available ensure full participation in curricular programs or activities by an economically disadvantaged student.

Extracurricular programs and activities

When a student classified as economically disadvantaged requires financial assistance in order to participate in extracurricular programs or activities, the principal or designee shall explore all possible resources for providing the necessary funds in order to permit the student to participate. Such resources might include funds made available by District-recognized parent organizations, student activity funds, and funds established by students, parents, or the school for the particular program or activity. In the event that funds are not available for a given program or activity, the principal or designee shall submit to the Superintendent or designee a request for the expenditure of District funds in order to provide the necessary funds although there is no guarantee that funds will be available in all cases.