The Westford Public Schools shall provide free or reduced-price meals for students from families meeting eligibility requirements of the National Lunch Program.

Eligibility for free or reduced-price meals will be dependent on the financial need of the student or family as determined by federal guidelines. Verification of financial need data shall be at the sole discretion of the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administration or designee.

Applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed during the first week of school to each student and should be filled out by parents/legal guardians. They are then returned to and reviewed by the Principal or designee for approval or rejection based on federal guidelines of financial need. Applications may be obtained in the school's main office at any time during the school year.

Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 69:1C – Requirements for Nutritional Standards and Food Services in Public Schools

M.G.L. 71:72 – Sale of Lunches

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