

## Part VII: Minuteman Policies & Compliance Notices

### 7-1 Minuteman Policy on Free & Reduced-Priced Meals

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District supports and complies with the federal program providing free and/or reduced breakfast and lunch meals to eligible students.

Minuteman seeks to encourage families to pay whatever they reasonably can toward the price of their student's school-day meals. However, under no conditions shall a student be denied a meal because of inability to pay all or part of the price of the meal. Minuteman shall protect the anonymity of the student receiving free and/or reduced price-meals.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meal benefits.

- Students from households whose income is at or below family income levels annually set by the Department of Education are eligible for either free or reduced price meals.
- Students who are members of food stamp households or who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible for free meals.
- Students who are homeless, migrant, or runaway may also be automatically eligible for free meals.
- Foster children, who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, may be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.
- Students who are members of households participating in Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program may also be eligible for free or reduced-price meals based on the household's income.

The Principal shall ensure that no student is deprived of breakfast and/or lunch during school days of the school year. The Food Services Department shall be responsible for the fair implementation of this policy, and parents and students should contact the Director of Food Services with any questions, or for a detailed copy of the school policy on Free & Reduced-Priced Meals.

### 7-2 Wellness Policy

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District promotes healthy students and a healthy school, by supporting wellness, good nutrition, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning environment. The district supports a healthy environment where students learn and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices. Schools contribute to the basic health status of students by facilitating learning through the support and promotion of good nutrition and physical activity. Improved health optimizes student performance potential and ensures that no child is left behind.

In summary, the policy promotes the following:

1. A comprehensive learning environment for developing and practicing lifelong wellness behaviors, promoting good nutrition and exercise habits and reducing reliance on the sale of non-nutritional foods as a source of school revenue.
2. Supporting and promoting proper dietary habits contributing to student wellness and academic performance by assuring that nutritional foods are available during all school sponsored activities.
3. Providing more opportunities for students to engage in physical activity during and after the school day in accordance with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the National Standards for Physical Education.

4. Promoting awareness of the critical role student health plays in academic stamina and performance and adapting the school environment to ensure students' basic nourishment and activity needs are met.

### 7-3 Minuteman Agreement for Internet Use and Social Media

This document defines Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District's role and policy as it relates to the acceptable use of computers by those who use these resources. This policy applies to all staff, volunteers and students, including: high school, postgraduate, afterschool, career exploratory, summer school, continuing education, and visiting groups from outside our school district.

Technology resources that can be available to users include, but are not limited to: computers, networks, data storage areas, electronic mail (e-mail), instant messaging, voice and video services, and Internet-ready devices. Access to the computer systems and networks owned and operated by Minuteman impose certain responsibilities upon users in accordance with existing policies and local, state, and federal laws. Users accept the responsibility for utilizing services in ways that are ethical and that demonstrate academic integrity and respect for others who share this resource.

As a user:

- I understand that the use of the Internet, school computers, and technology resources is for educationally relevant purposes and the ongoing operations of the district and its mission.
- I understand that all files stored on the district's technology resources including e-mail and voice mail messages are governed by the "public record" statute and therefore can be requested at any time.
- I understand that these guidelines apply whether I am using a school computer or my own computer on the district's network or a school computer off site. All non-Minuteman computers used on Minuteman's network must be cleared with the Educational Technology Department.
- I understand that the Educational Technology Director, his/her designee, or the Superintendent and his/her designee, in order to maintain system integrity, may view content of any electronic file or communication at any time.
- I understand that any illegal activities, including, but not limited to: violation of copyright laws and any unauthorized access, attempted access or use of the district's or any other computing and/or network system is strictly prohibited.
- I agree not to exceed any disk quota on digital storage space provided to me on the district's technology resources including school email system.
- I will not intentionally interfere with the normal operation of a District computer or network, including the propagation of computer viruses or sustained high volume network traffic.
- I will not add or remove system components or alter the configuration of the district systems to avoid or circumvent the district's content filtering, monitoring or security systems.
- I will not alter or change the functionality of the district's computer systems by installing unauthorized or unlicensed software.
- I will not visit Internet sites/Social Media, send, forward, post or publish any material that is likely to be offensive, obscene, hateful, harassing, defamatory, threatening or compromising to the confidentiality of a student or staff member or any other person.
- I will not upload, download, or otherwise transmit any software, copyrighted materials without approval of the district.
- I understand that I am only to use email, instant messaging (chat) and social networking services that are sanctioned or provided by the district.