

## **5.003 LUNCH PLAN AND SERVICE POLICY**

Riverside Leadership Academy's Board of Directors' goal is to provide a quality, nutritious lunch to all students. The lack of a school provided lunch shall not be a barrier for students who want to attend Riverside Leadership Academy.

### **I. Free and Reduced Lunch**

Although Riverside Leadership Academy will not participate in the National School Lunch Program, Riverside Leadership Academy shall use the same family income standards to identify students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Riverside Leadership Academy will use the qualifying criteria below to identify students who will qualify for free and reduced lunch:

#### **A. Free Lunch**

Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible for free school-provided meals.

#### **B. Reduced Lunch**

Children from families with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-priced school-provided meals.

#### **C. Full-Price Lunch**

Children from families over 185 percent of poverty pay full price for school provided meals. Riverside Leadership Academy's administration will develop and distribute a form to be filled out by every student's family that identifies their income with respect to the poverty level. This form will be distributed and collected at the beginning of each school year. The data collected in this form will be confidential and kept in each student's cumulative record.

### **II. School Lunch Plan**

Riverside Leadership Academy will ensure that every child has a meal on a daily basis. Students will have the opportunity to bring their own lunch or pre-order their lunch from Riverside Leadership Academy selected vendors. Riverside Leadership Academy will utilize an online ordering system where families can select food options from local restaurants who have agreements with Riverside Leadership Academy. The vendors will then deliver the meals to the school for distribution on the date assigned.

As a part of the contract with local vendor(s), Riverside Leadership Academy shall require that the contracted vendor(s) provide lunch at no charge or at a reduced cost for qualifying students. All meal options provided by Riverside Leadership Academy lunch vendors will meet the nutritional guidelines of the National School Lunch program. The online system will manage all payments and food orders to help with the efficient distribution of meals.